

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REV 1:3

**BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO READS ALOUD, HEARS
AND KEEPS THE WORDS OF THIS
PROPHECY, FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND**



ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs:

AM: O Praise the Name; Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call; Take Heart

PM: Turn Your Eyes; Here We Stand

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-13 ESV

Message: Sardis And Philadelphia

Response Hymn: No Other Name

Holy Communion: Behold the Lamb

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

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-ud

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 Dev Menon (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Mervyn Phan

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Timothy Ong

Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 1

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @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>
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	<i>timothy</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

Sardis and Philadelphia

Revelation 3.1-13

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

Christ is attentive to the distinct strengths, struggles, failures of every church.

Sardis: The Reputable Church

Philadelphia: The Slandered Church

Conclusion

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Read Revelation 3:1–6. What are the charges against the church at Sardis (vv. 1–2)? What does it mean that this church’s works were not found complete in God’s sight?
2. How might we heed the call to wake up and strengthen what remains?
3. Read Revelation 3:7–13. How does Jesus praise the Philadelphian church (vv. 8, 10)? What effect might the “lies” by the so-called “synagogue of Satan” have on the name/reputation of the Christians in Philadelphia?
4. The “open door” (v. 8) sounds like this church has an opportunity to take the good news of Jesus into places and hearts where it has not yet reached. What open doors is Jesus setting before us today?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Antioch Summit (7 - 9 Sep) - We have staff and members participating in and helping to organize this missions conference. Pray that many who come will respond in obedience to God's call to the nations.

Our Nation

Presidential Elections – As Christians we believe all governing authority is from God and is to be honoured as such. Let us pray that the new president of Singapore will continue to advocate for the peace that allows us to practise and propagate our Christian faith.

Our World

Mongolia – Thank God for the safe return of the 8 member group that went to Mongolia from our church last Tuesday. It was good to link up with a group of brothers and sisters who are from a very unreached people group, and who desire to grow in their knowledge and faith in God. The challenges that face them are a lack of sufficient Christian mentors and also the growing culture of materialism that affects both this community and the wider Mongolian one. They appreciated the informal times of worship, sharing together of food and fellowship in the short time that the team was able to be there. Pray for wisdom and discernment for how to continue to encourage them in the next year.

India (Children's Day Care Ministries)

Thank God for one partner that runs Children Day Care Centres (DCC) in the northeast. Pray for the planning work that has to be done to conduct an upcoming "Kids Camp" in one of their DCCs. A couple who helps out at one of the DCC could not give sufficient time to fulfil their duties as they are staying at a different location. Pray that God will give them time and wisdom to adjust. Pray for all the children and staff at the various DCCs that they will continue to know Jesus and make Jesus known. We thank God for another partner, Brother A and Sister J and their staff team, who have been faithfully providing a day care children's programme for preschool to secondary school aged children in Kolkata for many years. The children receive educational tuition, physical exercise, singing, art, spiritual sessions and weekly devotions. Pray that God would grow their faith in Him as they receive from this ministry. Pray also that their families can be reached with the love and truth of the gospel.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	23	
English Service 8:30am	167	1,821.80
English Service 10:30am	528	
English Service 4:30pm	255	
Chinese Service Livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	80	826.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream*	0	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	68	1,316.00
ME Service		1,163.00
Hokkien Service	54	423.00
Tamil Service	18	304.00
DHF	24	
TOTAL		\$5,853.80

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$44,736.89
Weekly Total	\$50,590.69

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

LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,053.60
Weekly Total	\$4,053.60

TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE **\$9,843,127.86**

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to
 - Timothy & Joanna on the birth of their firstborn son, Jude Gabriel Patrick, on 27 Aug 2023!
 - Lence & Natalie on the birth of their firstborn daughter, Teh En Hui Hannah, on 29 Aug 2023!
 - our LR staff, Hong Mi (married to Dn James Lew from Emmanuel BP), on the birth of their daughter, Lew Si En, on 29 Aug 2023!
2. Our deepest condolences to the family of the late Mr Siow Sion Kee who went Home to be with the Lord on 28 Aug 2023. He was the father of Ms Siow Bee Lay.
3. Ps Vernon spoke at the NextGen Malaysia conference in Port Dickson from 30 Aug - 2 Sep 2023.
4. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Mt. Hermon BP Church this morning.
5. Ps Alby is preaching at Shalom BPC 42nd Anniversary service and Mt Carmel BPC Mandarin service 34th Anniversary this morning.

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

Looking Ahead

Friday, 8 Sep

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 9 Sep

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 10 Sep

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

Revelation Series:

10 Sep – Laodicea

(Rev 3.14-22)

Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

17 Sep – God is (still) on the Throne

(Rev 4.1-11)

Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev (4.30pm)

24 Sep – Who is Worthy

(Rev 5.1-14)

Ps Dev (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon (4.30pm)

1 Oct – The Seven Seals

(Rev 6.1-17)

Ps Vernon (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Alby (4.30pm)

Your Response

3 September 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

Looking Into Full-Time Gospel Ministry

What is it like to enter full-time, paid, gospel ministry? How big of a change is it? Many think that those who 'take the plunge' have chosen to undergo an unbelievably drastic change. It's as though someone were an app designer today and switched careers to become a professional swimmer tomorrow – you leave behind a vocation or industry you're well-skilled in for something you've never trained for.

But this is not what the Bible tells us about gospel ministry. First of all, it's not some unimaginable job for the chosen few. As we've heard many times now in Paul's teachings and our church's Next Lap Vision, ministry i.e., *the work of building up the body of Christ so that the church displays his kindness and saving grace in Jesus to all the world, is the awesome privilege and lifelong responsibility of every Christian (Ephesians).*

This means we see all Christians partaking in the work of Christian ministry naturally in their homes, workplaces, schools, and church small groups etc. Many, and not only the employees of a church, will disciple, evangelise, and serve.

But still, some will and should be equipping the church in the capacity of full-time, paid workers. These are those who most exemplify Christlikeness and godliness to the rest of the saints. Then, they're also particularly gifted to equip the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-12), and entrust the gospel message to others who can teach (2 Tim. 2:1-2).

How do we know if anyone fits what is described above? We see the way they have been doing the work of Christian ministry wherever they are – whether as a stay-home parent, an engineer, an admin professional or a student. We see how a Christian wrestle with their week-in-and-out struggle to faithfully honour Christ at home or in their workplace, among their unsaved loved ones, and within the local church.

These were some of the things we discussed and explored last Saturday at our annual ZB Look Into Full-Time event. Praise God that 20 over participant came to hear from the Bible and a testimony by our ministry staff, Timothy Ong! Here are some reflections from our session:

John Lim: *As someone who recently graduated from the ZB EXPLORE internship this past year, I was and still am very interested in full time paid ministry. LIFT gave me an excellent overview of ministry life, and my main takeaway was that being a ministry worker requires one to at least be rejoicing in having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, so that we can invite others to the same one-ness in Christ. Of course, practical challenges like money and the concern of one's parents may arise, but I believe that if God wants me to be part of the church's workforce, he will surely make a way like how He's constantly done so in the past.*

Deborah Loone: *It was good to remember that God's ministry is foremost about bringing dead sinners into oneness with Him - that includes me! I realise what a privilege & joy it is to be working for such a loving King, for people to draw near to Him! The prospect of leaving my secular job at this point of my career, where my peers would be getting promoted or a pay raise - has made me wonder if I'm being foolish. But this truth in God's Word has been recurring in my thoughts & conversations - "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." [Jim Elliot; ref John 12:25]*

Brother A*: *LIFT was a good reminder that we are followers of Jesus being sent into the world for the sake of the church, and full-time paid ministry forms a great platform for carrying out that work. The testimony sharing during the session further showed me that despite challenges like financial considerations and opposition, God can still provide a way, if that's where He calls you for this season. Even so, I appreciated the conversations on how this line of work may not be for everyone right now, but instead we are all called to carry out God's ministry work wherever we are. The path may not be clear for everyone, but staying open to God's leading is a helpful start, as we serve Him in all areas of our lives.*

Brother Z*: *If such a large part of your daily life is spent trying to love others and letting God's love be known, maybe it would make sense to consider full-time paid ministry a bit more seriously - I found this a helpful way of thinking about it, but maybe I'm not there yet. Does it mean that I don't plug away at Gospel work in the meantime? I don't think so. After all, Ephesians 4 reminds us that we are all to be equipped "for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ". But if, in time, God indeed calls me to serve Him as a full-time paid Gospel labourer, may He also give me the courage to respond not with "yes" or "no", but with "when" and "how".*

**Some prefer to remain anonymous for now.*

Please join us in prayer that the Lord of the harvest will graciously equip and move many more hearts for the urgent gospel needs in the local church and the nations.

Announcements

ZION BISHAN YOUTH CAMP

11–15 Dec 2023

Calling all youths! This year's 5D4N Youth Camp is now open for registration!

View details and **REGISTER** at bit.ly/ZBYC23 — come find out why we're Not Yet Home

Contact **Jacqueline** (93227629) for more info.

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.

REFORMATION LECTURES 2023 IS BACK THIS OCTOBER!

Dr Tim LeCroy from Covenant Theological Seminary will be bringing us through the foundations, history and the application of the reformations of our faith.

Day 1 (26 Oct, Thu | 7-9.30pm):

What is "Reformation"?

Day 2 (27 Oct, Fri | 7-9.30pm):

Historical Reformations

Day 3 (28 Oct, Sat | 6-8.30pm):

Applying Reformations

All sessions will be held at **Zion Serangoon BP Church**. Free dinner will be provided.

Find out more and sign up by 15 Oct at <http://reformationsg.org>

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

7 Wednesdays, beginning **13 Sep 2023**, Dinner begins at 7.20pm

Join us for this informal course that aims to help people understand who Jesus is through Mark's Gospel, an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus. Invite your friends to come with you and see why Jesus is the best news that one can ever receive!

Register at <https://bit.ly/CEzionbisan> or contact Joel (joel@zionbisan.org.sg) for any enquiries.

PARKING IN CHURCH ON SATURDAYS

Kindly note that the church car park will be closed on **Saturdays from 6pm onwards**. This is to facilitate the setting up of the safe driving lanes for Sundays. We seek your kind cooperation to refrain from parking in the church or remove your car during these restricted hours.

MOONCAKES DISTRIBUTION TO BISHAN EAST RESIDENTS

In partnership with St Luke's ElderCare

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

17 Sep 23 (Sun), 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Meet at BLK 152B for a short briefing and prayer.

Sign up by 10 Sept 23 at <https://tinyurl.com/2wdt7haa>