

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: All I Have is Christ; Christ our Hope in Life and Death

Scripture Reading: Galatians 2:15-21 ESV

Message: Justification by Faith in Everyday Life

Response Hymn: Yet not I, But Through Christ in Me

Mission Focus; 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

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, register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

8.45am DHF 1A (in English, for all nationalities) *in-person at Room 103 (and upon request via Zoom)*

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) *in-person in The Living Room and via Zoom*

2.00pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

8.45pm DHF 1B (in English, for all nationalities) *upon request via Zoom*

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

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

www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speaker: Mr Quek Tze-Ming

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Eld Jeffrey Lm

Vocalist & Musicians: Adhoc Band

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan

Vocalist & Musicians: Adhoc Band

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang

Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu

Vocalist & Musicians: Adhoc Band

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 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/Mand)</i>	<i>paul</i>
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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>	

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Justification by Faith in Everyday Life

Galatians 2:15-21

Introduction

“Justified by Faith in Jesus Christ”

“Christ lives in me”

Conclusion

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. How would you explain the words “justification” and “faith”?
2. Have you ever felt judged because you didn’t follow some Christian or church practice (e.g., QT every morning, a preferred Bible version, raising or not raising hands in singing)? What do these practices represent?
3. What aspects of your life most defines your identity? Which aspects are you most sensitive or protective about? Which aspects do you most crave affirmation or approval?
4. In v. 20, Paul says, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” Reflect and share about what this means in your daily life.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Zion Bishan 29th Anniversary

We thank God for His 29 years of provisions. We will be finishing one cycle of 30 years next year and will also be renewing our land lease. Pray that we will look back with gratefulness for God's provisions and look forward with courage and commitment to do more and greater things for God, as a church and as an individual. May God help us to be best of what is said of the seven churches in Revelation!

AG Leaders Hebrews Bible Study

Thank God for the year's journey through the book of Hebrews for about 40 of our AG leaders! Praise God for speaking to us through His Son in these last days, and helping us draw near to Him and run the Christian faith with endurance together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray that the Lord will keep these words hidden in our hearts as we continue to fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, and that the break from the LP bible study cycle from now till January 2024 will be restful for our leaders.

Nepal Teams - Thank God for the safe return of Dn Beng Hwee, Danny J, Yuen Kee, Weng last Friday. Praise God they were able to trek to the various Tibetan Villages in East Nepal to see the work of the partner's school as well as visit other workers there. Please continue to uphold Bro HR and Sharon as they serve our partners in the western hills and plains of Nepal. Pray for continued safety as well as fruitful times of connecting with our partners in west Nepal.

Our World

Mongolia - Thank God for today's mission focus sharing on a mission trip to Mongolia. This country has less than 2% Christian adherents (Joshua project). Pray for wisdom to discern how Zion Bishan can support this small Mongolian community of believers so that they can grow in their faith and share the gospel with the unreached in their nation.

Middle East - As we hear the news of what is happening in Israel and Gaza, pray for the Lord's mercy on the people on both sides of the divide. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with God's people in war torn places. Pray for safety and healing for all the vulnerable on both sides.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	21	
English Service 8:30am	143	\$689.10
English Service 10:30am	512	
English Service 4:30pm	256	
Chinese Service Livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	91	\$1,523.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	61	\$642.00
ME Service	52	\$834.00
Hokkien Service	58	\$691.00
Tamil Service	12	\$69.00
DHF	14	
TOTAL	1227	\$4,448.10

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$36,863.32
Weekly Total	\$41,311.42

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

LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Gift No: 1878-9	\$500.00
Electronic Transfer	\$27,800.60
Weekly Total	\$28,300.60

TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE **\$10,039,462.53**

Church Family News

Pastor Alby will be preaching at Mt Gerizim BP Church this afternoon.

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 (17 Oct 23) Highlights

1. Bro Bernard Lim Moh Kiap has been accepted as an apprentice focusing on the Chinese and Seniors Ministries.
2. Session has commenced consultations with the SLA and will make formal applications for our land lease renewal. We are also requesting from our community partners for testimonials as the basis to appeal for more favourable consideration.
3. We thank God that our LLR funds have been making good returns.
4. Next year, 2024, is Zion Bishan's 30th Anniversary and it will also coincide with our fresh 30-year land lease renewal. It is a milestone and reset. Session approved the planning of community events to celebrate the occasion which will also provide us with the opportunity to engage our community.
5. Session approved the gift of \$50,000 to Mount Gerizim in response to their appeal for support to purchase a light industrial unit for worship services.

Your Response

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 at 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:

CHALLENGES POSED BY A CHANGING CHURCH

At our Annual Presbytery Meeting on 23 September, our guest speaker Ps Edric Sng (Bethesda Bedok-Tampines Church) addressed the urgent challenge posed by younger and second generation Christians who often do not share the commitment and zeal of older first generation believers. Appropriately, the Moderatorship of Presbytery was handed to a younger and second generation pastor, Ps Benjamin Tsao (Shalom BP Church).

Coupled with the challenge of the younger generation is the concern over an aging leadership. In my annual report as General Secretary, I highlighted the closure of three BP churches in the last five years. Churches with no numerical growth, missing the younger generation, led by an aging leadership, with no succession plans, are likely to face the same sad end. As a fraternity of eleven churches, may the stronger among us help the weaker. Will members from better-resourced churches consider moving, individually or in groups, to help revitalise a brother BPCIS church?

Though the context is slightly different, the principle behind the apostle Paul's exhortation applies, "We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbour for his good, to build him up." Romans 15:1-2 ESV

Coming together to encourage one another lies at the heart of BPCIS. Good Friday and Easter next year will again give us that opportunity. Mark these dates and times in your calendar:

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

29 March, 5.00pm, ACS International, Dover (English)

10.30am, Faith & Zion Serangoon BP Church (Chinese)

Transport will be provided from churches to both venues.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

31 March, 6.30am, MacRitchie Reservoir

CHALLENGES POSED BY A CHANGING WORLD

The recent outbreak of war between Israel and Gaza has unsettled many. Some have taken sides and watch only news and commentaries that reinforce their views. As often the case, truth is the first casualty of war. Christians have turned to social media preachers, often speculative and sensational, for answers. Trending opinions are flying around fast and furious.

What does Jesus say? “See that no one leads you astray. And when you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.”

Mark 13:5, 7-8 ESV

Birth pains only get more frequent and more intense. We are not to be alarmed and be led astray. Jesus repeatedly warns us, “Watch!” “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.” Mark 13:32-33 NIV

Beware of those who claim to know even what Jesus professed ignorance. On another occasion when people asked Jesus about those who perished in violent deaths, if they were more sinful, He answered, “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” Luke 13:5 ESV

Let us listen to Jesus more than to the latest news or views. Our response will be one of repentance and vigilance. Let us not be distracted by the controversial and contentious, but stay focused on the certain:

“We believe in the personal, visible and imminent Return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to judge this world and bring peace to the nations....” (BPCIS Constitution, Statement of Faith, Article 4.3.7).

Ps David Wong
General Secretary, BPCIS

Both Clerk and Treasurer were re-elected to serve a second term: Ps Lawrence Ong (Zion Serangoon) and Ps Daniel Tan (Mount Hermon) respectively.

Announcements

EVERY JOINT EQUIPPED

4 Nov (Sat), 9-11am
Room 304/305, Zion Bishan BP Church

Calling all leaders and members for a time of learning together in this workshop jointly organised by Enabling Ministry with Koinonia Inclusion Network (KIN).

Why is disability inclusion necessary within the church?

How does God view His Church, the Body of Christ?

Indicate your interest and sign up at bit.ly/ZBEMworkshop by **31 Oct** to facilitate our planning.

SENIORS360 DIM SUM HOUR & TALK

Managing Your Finances for Senior Years

11 Nov (Sat) 10.30am
In-person at Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming **SENIORS360 event with Prof Benedict Koh** who will be sharing on the importance of managing finances prudently for seniors, as well as the various channels for doing so.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!



Sign up by 4 Nov:
<https://tinyurl.com/yfhr2e6x>

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.

MINISTRY BEHIND THE MONEY

Ever wondered how the different ministries in Zion Bishan utilize their budgets?

Where does the money collected each week go to?

Join us on **19 Nov (Sun), 1.30 - 3.30 pm** to listen to presentations by leaders of selected ministries and have a chance to ask questions and pray alongside these ministries for God to grow the work of his church.

More details to be released closer to the event date.