

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: Creation Sings the Father's Song; His Mercy Is More; God of the Poor

PM: Your Word; Every Promise

Scripture Reading: Revelation 10:1-11 ESV

Message: The Bittersweet Scroll

Response Hymn: Speak O Lord

Holy Communion: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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

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

Speakers: Ps Alby Yip (8.30am & 10.30am),
Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696
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
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, Women's Worker	9880 4507
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	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

The Bittersweet Scroll

Revelation 10:1-11

Ps Alby Yip

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Introduction

The Message...

- is a message of grace (1)
- is urgent (2-7)

The Messenger...

- is to take and eat the scroll (8-10)
- is to prophesy the message (11)

Conclusion

- God has spoken
- God's servants have to speak

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. How has the Word of God informed and transformed you?
3. Do you know who urgently needs the Gospel? What are you prepared to do?

The Bittersweet Scroll

Revelation 10:1-11

Intro: 10:1-11:14: A(nother) Crucial Pause

The Big Question from earlier in the Revelation:

God Speaks through the Mighty Angel (v1-7)

With authority: holding the opened little Scroll (v1 & 2)

Earth, Sea & Heaven (v2, 6 & 8)

God Speaks through John (v8-11)

The Scroll

- The OT: Ezekiel 2 & 3

Bittersweet (v9-10)

John must again prophesy about many peoples, nations, languages and kings (v11)

Conclusion: The Big Answer (Part 1): God is still Speaking!

How God Speaks today... (1:1-3)

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What does God Speaking today mean to you personally? How have you been striving to hear and to keep what His Word?
2. Why is the Scroll (the Gospel) bittersweet? How have you experienced its sweetness and bitterness in your life?
3. What are the ways that we as a church family rightly value God Speaking to us through His Son and through the Bible today? What are some ways we've taken Him Speaking for granted, and can encourage each other to treasure His Word more?
4. What does God still Speaking mean for the world that we live in?

Prayer Points

Our Church

India Team – Ps Ebi and Shu Anne left last week to join Sharon in India for visits to two mission partners. They will be there till mid November. For one partner, they will be doing some Bible and teacher training for them. Pray for clear communication and a good time of relationship building between our church and these two new mission partners. May our time with them bring mutual blessing and encouragement to each other. Pray also for safety on the journey and good health for the team.

Tuition Ministry – Thank God for the faithfulness of our teachers in the past year. For the O level exams that are currently ongoing, pray for the students to remember what they have been taught, and that they will do their best without putting too much pressure on themselves. Pray for a good time of celebrating friendships and the hard work they have put in as they gather for a year-end party this coming Thursday (9 Nov). Also pray for more tutors to step forward to serve in 2024.

Christianity Explored (CE) – Thank God for the 5 seekers and 3 friends who came with them through the past 7 weeks. It was our joy and privilege to share as we journeyed together with them in the Gospel of Mark. Pray for our table hosts and members who will be following up with their friends, that they will know how best they can continue supporting them on this journey of seeking Christ, relying on the Spirit's help.

Our Denomination

Emmanuel BP Church - In his quarterly write up, Ps David Wong wrote: "In my annual report as General Secretary, I highlighted the closure of three BP churches in the last five years... 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?" We pray that some of our ZB members will consider supporting our sister churches, starting with Emmanuel BP. They meet every Sunday at 9.30am, down the road at One Pemimpin. Please contact Ps Dev or Ps David Leong for more details.

Our World

India – One partner in the NE is organising a youth festival next week and they are expecting 500 youths to attend. May this be an event that will unite the church across its various congregations and raise up the next generation of harvest workers, fervent for the Lord. Thank God that a children's camp in October had 400 over children from their various congregations as well as some from outside attend. It was a good time of learning and growing in Christ.

Last Week

29th Anniversary Service	Attendance	Offering
Service Livestream*	15	
Combined Service	619	
TOTAL	634	\$22,062.00
Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	22	
English Service 8:30am	177	\$1,465.00
English Service 10:30am	484	
English Service 4:30pm	218	
Chinese Service Livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	80	\$1,128.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	64	\$394.00
ME Service	57	\$1,286.00
Hokkien Service	59	\$2,555.00
Tamil Service	14	\$879.00
DHF	16	
TOTAL	1199	\$7,707.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$52,244.79
Use of premises	\$240.00
Weekly Total	\$52,253.79

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

LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$3,806.60
ZB 29th Anniversary Service	\$4,080.00
Weekly Total	\$7,886.60

TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE **\$10,047,349.13**

Church Family News

Pastor Dev is preaching at Moriah BP Church 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, 10 Nov

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 11 Nov

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 12 Nov

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

Revelation Series:

12 Nov – Interlude 2b: The Two Witnesses

(Rev 11:1-13)

Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

19 Nov – The Story So Far (Review)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

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.

God Is Faithful, We Must Be Faithful Too!

We celebrated Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church's 29th Anniversary last Saturday, 28 October 2023. 615 worshippers attended the service while about 750 attended the anniversary dinner. It was so heart-warming to see members and worshippers from the different congregations gather for the multi-ethnic worship and fellowship.

8 languages were used in the worship service. English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Hokkien, Tamil, Indonesian, Myanmarese and Filipino. It was a foretaste of heaven as told in Rev 7:9 where "every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages stood before the throne and before the Lamb."

I shared from the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6, that the fundamental calling of the church is where God's people worship Him and do His will on earth as it is in heaven. Where we are faithful in this calling, the Lord's prayer promises that we will not lack His physical, emotional and spiritual provisions.

I also shared our land lease renewal journey and witnessed first-hand of how God provided for "our daily bread" almost exactly when the renewal quantum fluctuated each time. Beyond finances, we experienced also God's provisions of very committed leaders and worshippers who deeply love Zion Bishan. We thank God too for the manifold Gospel opportunities.

Zion Bishan will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary next year and we will also renew our land lease for another fresh 30 years. It is like a reset. So, what must we do? I pray that the Lord Jesus will return before the next 30-year lease expires. But we do not know. What we do know is that we must remain faithful as a church and as individuals. Because God is faithful!

This is the reason why we adopted Colossians 1:28-29 as the mandate for our vision for Zion Bishan, "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may **present everyone mature in Christ**. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

We are hearing the tumults of the end times growing louder and stronger. Practising faith too will get increasingly challenging physically and spiritually as the Lord warned in Mark 12. Hence, we must make it our priority to nurture and equip every member to be faithful God-fearing disciples who will hold fast and hold to the testimony of our Lord Jesus in their lives.

Announcements

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.

Indicate your interest on which sessions you would like to attend via <https://tinyurl.com/ZBMBTM>

ZION BISHAN'S 29th ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS

Click on the link below for the photos from our 29th Anniversary Service and Dinner:

<https://tinyurl.com/58644kv4>

ZION BISHAN'S 30th ANNIVERSARY CHURCH CAMP

English Camp Theme:
Gospel People

Whenever the saints meet, we want to both speak & embody the gospel to each other. This means loving each other by living lives that constantly point each other to the goodness of Jesus' love and Lordship, authentically sharing where we're struggling and have fallen, and even lovingly admonishing each other when we need to.

Camp Dates:

14 - 18 June 2024 (Fri - Tue)

Speakers: Ps Simon Murphy & Ps Jacob Ng, Redemption Hill Church

Registration is now open! Early bird discount ends **31 Dec 2023**.

For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/zbcamp24