

# 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

[ MORNING ]

Worship in Songs: Oh the Mercy of God; We Are One in the Spirit;  
Brother, Let Me Be Your Servant

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:1-7 (ESV)

Message: The Weak & The Strong

Response Hymn: Oh How Good It Is

[ AFTERNOON ]

Worship in Songs: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less; All I Have is Christ; The Servant King

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (ESV)

Message: Personal Discipleship Revisited

Response Hymn: We Are One

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

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Ps David Wong (8.30am & 10.30am)  
Mr Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Sharon Quek

*Worship Leader:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 3

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chuah Chin Yew

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 3

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Peter Wang

*Worship Leader:* Eld Roland Low

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 3

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>	9751 1897
Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc Pastor (Tamil)</i>	8198 9696
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
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[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

## **The Weak & The Strong**

Romans 15:1-7

### **Aging or Maturing?**

#### **1. Church is People (Rom 16:1-16)**

**a) Different Backgrounds**

**b) Diverse Community**

#### **2. Church in Tension (Rom 14: 1-10)**

**a) Different Views**

**b) Diversity in Unity**

#### **3. Church on Mission (Rom 15: 1-7)**

**a) Welcome One Another**

**b) Build Up One Another**

**c) Glorify God Together**

### **One Compelling Reason**

#### **Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. Am I part of a community? How have people help or hinder me in my growth towards maturity?
2. Am I part of a mission? How may I reach out to welcome and build people in need?
3. What is your "one compelling reason" to be part of a missional community?

**Personal Discipleship Revisited**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Mr Joel Khoo

( 4.30pm )

**Introduction**

*Paul's Authentic Gospel Ministry*

**Speaking the Gospel Genuinely (v1-6)**

**Sharing Themselves Authentically (v6-8)**

**Showing Love Sacrificially (v9-12)**

**Conclusion — Our Hope for Personal Discipleship**

*For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy.*

*[1 Thess 2:19-20]*

**Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. What has been your experience with personal discipleship so far?
  - a. If you haven't yet been personally disciplined, what holds you back?
  - b. If you have, how have you benefited from being personally disciplined?  
How does that encourage you in your discipleship journey?
2. How has 1 Thessalonians 2 encouraged you to think differently about discipleship (both your own and of others)? What will you do differently in your discipleship this year?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**AG Leaders Word Studies** – Pray for about 50 of our AG leaders and potential leaders who are beginning another year in Leaders Prep (LP) training (now known as SPUR - Saints Persevering Until the Rest). Pray that the Word of God would nourish their hearts to mature them deeper in Christ as they learn, teach and care for their AGs through the Gospel of John.

**Tuition Ministry** – Thank God for the thanksgiving dinner and gathering the tutors had on 10 Jan before tuition ministry resumes this year. Pray for more tutors, and refreshed and renewed hearts for the teachers and ministry volunteers, as they come alongside the students and hold out the love of Christ through this ministry. Pray that the parents will experience the hospitality of Christ too.

### **Our Denomination**

Do pray for the BP churches across the country. As you heard from Ps David Wong, 3 churches have closed down recently and at least 2 more are in need of significant help. Still others do not have any potential successors for leadership. May Zion Bishan truly be a place where people are trained and sent to support our brothers and sisters everywhere!

### **Our World**

**Nepal** - Partner MS provides a loving home environment for many Tibetan and Nepali background children in various unreached villages in West Nepal. Pray for wisdom for the Foreign Missions Committee (FMC) as we seek to work with them to share the love of Christ especially to Tibetan Buddhist villages. Pray also for the provision of a water filter system for one of their centres.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	21	
English Service 8:30am	171	\$520.95
English Service 10:30am	506	
English Service 4:30pm	214	
Chinese Service livestream*	10	
Chinese Service 8:30am	93	\$992.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	70	\$599.00
ME Service	66	\$872.00
Hokkien Service	59	\$694.00
Tamil Service	16	\$285.00
DHF	30	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1256</b>	<b>\$3,962.95</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$91,219.49
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$95,182.44</b>
<i>Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,000.98</i>	

### GENERAL PROJECT FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$6,868.60
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$6,868.60</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$11,689.10</b>

### LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND as at 31/12/2023

<b>TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$10,174,599.03</b>
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## Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Herald BP Church this morning.
2. Congratulations to Nathaniel Chua & Elise Low as they entered into holy matrimony on 20 Jan 2024!
3. Our deepest condolences to the family of the late Mr Andrew Wee Teck Kim who went Home to be with the Lord on 13 Jan 2024.

## 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  
**General Project Fund**



DBS Current A/C: **070-901055-5**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGPF**

**ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF**

*Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque*

## Looking Ahead

### Friday, 26 Jan

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Saturday, 27 Jan

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sunday, 28 Jan

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

### The Next Lap Series

**28 Jan – Gospel Culture**

*Quek Tze-Ming*

### Revelation Series

**4 Feb – Recap of Revelation 1-11**

*Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Dev (4.30pm)*

**11 Feb – The Woman and the Child,  
vs. the Dragon (Revelation 12:1-17)**

*Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Dev (4.30pm)*

**18 Feb – The Two Beasts (Revelation 13:1-18)**

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

*Ps Vernon (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](http://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.

## **It's that time of the year...**

Chinese New Year is around the corner, and once again I am made to remember my ethnicity. *I am the minority*. This is true nationally, but much more true in the Singapore church. Previous Singapore Census surveys estimated that <10% of the church is composed of other ethnicities, more so for Protestant churches; plus it seems to be becoming more polarised.

This issue hits me each time there is the 'annual discussion' on whether to alter certain worship services because of CNY and its understandable logistical complications. *"What about me? What about my family? How does church think about us? Will anyone invite us for their reunion dinner? More than that... why isn't there something to celebrate our ethnicity? Isn't my race significant to God's kingdom?"* It's hard not to cycle through those questions and dwell on negative feelings... despite knowing most of them are purely reactionary.

Recently, I had a brief conversation with the 'Race Working Group' that did a Micah Singapore project a few years back. One person said: *"I feel like the needle never really moves on this issue nationally"*. Indeed, it can seem that way in the church too.

Don't get me wrong, I really appreciate Zion Bishan for a few things: In most meetings people are quick to translate if another language is spoken; we take a lot of effort to think through how people will be affected before deciding to adjust any service; and I think most of us LOVE the multi-lingual singing segment during our Anniversary! In addition, since CNY falls on a weekend this year, we will have a **special #dinnerchurch reunion meal for everyone to be affirmed that they are welcome in this Jesus' family. Look out for it - 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, after 4.30pm service.**

But yet, I still long for the church to become racially-rich: where perhaps we sing different language songs regularly, eat different cuisines for fellowship tea, have ethnic-music instruments and song-styles, where people come in their race-based-Sunday-best, and do their best to acknowledge and appreciate one another. Would anyone like to help me make that happen?



How must the gospel shape our understanding of race, culture, nationality and ultimately identity? These are things we have to keep exploring in the Scriptures and pushing for in our practice. In the meantime, do consider reflecting on the issue via these resources:

A conversation with Dr Mathew Matthews: <https://spotify.link/liPOsSB04Cb>

A 2021 sermon on Ethnicity:

<https://youtu.be/h-dZl508aoA?si=o4BeK5iYCqCu082Y>

Stories from the Singapore church:

<https://graceworks.com.sg/store/category/pastoral-resources/good-news-for-bruised-reeds-colours-of-the-kingdom/>

## Announcements

### CATECHISM CLASS

For baptism, reaffirmation and transfer of members

Starting **Feb 17 (Sat) 1.30 - 3.00pm**

#### Table Hosts Needed

Come alongside new members and friends, helping them to begin well in their journey of following Jesus and in the Zion Bishan family.

Contact **Ps Dev** ([dev@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:dev@zionbishan.org.sg)) or **Dns Deborah Lee** (9062 5348) to sign up or find out more.

### CNY COMMUNITY BLESSING

*In partnership with St Luke's ElderCare*

Join us as we distribute goodie bags to neighbourhood residents of Blocks 153 to 155, 168 to 172 at Bishan. Get to know the residents and share with them about Zion / SLEC seniors' ministries.

**4 Feb 24 (Sun), 1.15pm to 3.30pm**

Meet at Block 152B (Golden Jasmine) for a short briefing and prayer.

Sign up by **30 Jan** at

<http://tinyurl.com/s360feb24slec>

### NEW BOOK BY PASTOR DAVID WONG



#### **Mentoring Stories**

By Graceworks. Available only at morning services.

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED (CE)

Help others discover Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.

CE will run for **7 Wednesdays beginning 13 Mar and ending 24 Apr**.

Prayerfully consider inviting someone or joining us as CE table host.

Contact **Tim Ong** ([timothy@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:timothy@zionbishan.org.sg)) for more information.

### EXPLORE INTERNSHIP 2024

Have a long break before/after NS, poly or university? Take advantage of the free time that you have with the *EXPLORE Internship!*

This church internship provides opportunities to invest in your relationship with Jesus and to serve the church, as well as to consider how knowing Jesus affects your potential pathways in life. Over the internship, you will get to learn about God and His work through Bible studies, ministry involvement, and topical workshops.

The internship will run from **15 Mar - 31 May 2024**.

Get in touch with Joel ([joel@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:joel@zionbishan.org.sg)) or Vanessa ([vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg)) to sign up, or for more information.