

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

Worship in Songs:

[AM] All Praise to Him; Here We Stand; Speak O Lord

[PM] The Gospel Was Promised; Here We Stand

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 (ESV)

Message: Practising Gospel Culture

Response Hymn: We Are One

Mission Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

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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

Speaker: Mr Quek Tze-Ming

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo

Worship Leader: Dn John Chua

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

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 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>
Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc. Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</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 Ministry</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

Practising Gospel Culture

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Introduction: Practice and Fluency

Acquiring fluency involves:

Accountability

Peace-Making

Transparency

Conclusion: He who calls you is faithful

“... addressed to a people who don’t yet exist.”

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What do you appreciate most about being in a church? What do you dislike most?
2. Describe or recall a time when someone in your church walked with you and encouraged you, was patient with you, did good to you, and helped you live the Christian life. Have you had the privilege of doing the same to someone else?
3. In what ways have you personally experienced accountability, peace-making (in encouragement and admonition), and transparency (towards holiness) in church with your circle or AG?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Women's Weekend 2024 - Thank God for the Women's Weekend (13 Jan), where nearly 80 ladies, young and old, met to be encouraged by foundational gospel truths from Colossians. We also thank God for the precious opportunities of ministering to one another with our lives and our lips, through the discussions, panel sharing, and conversations. As Zion Bishan seeks to present every member mature in Christ, let us continue praying for the growth and maturity of the ladies in our midst.

Mission Focus - While the work of missions is challenging and costly, it is also our privilege as His Church. As we learn to #getreal about our Father's Mission, pray for His Spirit to shape and transform our hearts to be more like His, in order that we may grow in faith and obedience to the Lord's call to be on mission for Him.

Our People

Bro Sum Pooi - Thank God for His healing grace on Bro Sum Pooi, a visually challenged brother from the Cantonese Congregation, who recovered from a life-threatening illness. However, he will not be able to return home and has to reside at the Ling Kwang Home with constant supervision. Pray for his resettlement. Thank God also for the big team of brothers and sisters who have been supporting him every day all these years.

We are making arrangements to enable him to return for worship.

Our World

Myanmar – Our partner here recently returned from a 5 day visit to 2 places in a region that has received many people fleeing the civil war. With the help of his contacts, he brought 700 blankets, some food and shelter equipment to give to those in need. Our partner shared how he saw many elderly and children staying without shelter and adequate food. It was also cold, about 13 degrees where they were. Pray for the provision of food, shelter, and medicine for all displaced by the conflict. He shared the heart of all in Myanmar for peace to come and an end to the war they are facing.

Ipoh – We thank God for Ps Ebenezer's faithful visits up to Ipoh twice a month. In December, more people from our church were able to join in a trip here to help in a Christmas outreach. Thank God for 35 attendees to this. A family of three attended for the first time. During that outreach 9-10 families received grocery bags and times of prayer together. May the seed of the gospel grow in their hearts and bear fruit in changed lives in God's time. Pray for good follow up from this outreach.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	22	
English Service 8:30am	178	\$188.00
English Service 10:30am	517	
English Service 4:30pm	255	
Chinese Service livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	100	\$2,250.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	67	\$521.00
ME Service	59	\$1,491.00
Hokkien Service	61	\$523.00
Tamil Service	18	\$204.00
DHF	23	
TOTAL	1307	\$5,177.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$47,422.68
Weekly Total	\$52,599.68
<i>Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,000.98</i>	

GENERAL PROJECT FUND

Gift No: 0002	\$1,200.00
Electronic Transfer	\$4,058.60
Weekly Total	\$5,258.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$16,947.70

LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND as at 31/12/2023

TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE	\$10,174,599.03
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Church Family News

Our deepest condolences to the family of the late **Mrs Janet Lee** who went Home to be with the Lord on 20 Jan 2024. She was the mother of Ella Lee, mother-in-law of Richard Ong, grandmother to Priscilla and Timothy Ong, grandmother-in-law to pastor Joseph Tee & great-grandmother to Jeriah Tee.

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, 2 Feb

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 3 Feb

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 4 Feb

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

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)

25 Feb – The Lamb, the 144,000, and the Angels (Revelation 14:1-13)

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

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.

Paying much closer attention to what we have heard...

Since it's the last few days of January and we still have time to make some last-minute resolutions for 2024, I thought I'd propose something for us to be intentional about in the coming year: holding on to what we've heard God say to us this past year.

If you are a regular member here with us in the Zion Bishan family, you would have heard more than 50 sermons over the last year. If you have been a regular member of an AG, you would have had anywhere from 15 – 30 AG meetings where God's Word was opened and He was speaking to you. If you've been reading the Bible in a 121 or 321 setting with others, God spoke to you even more!

So here's a question: how do we plan to hold on to all that the Lord has said to us? Will we remember all that's been said? Or forget and become dull of hearing?

That's exactly what was happening to the group of 1st century believers that the author of Hebrews wrote to. Once keen, earnest Christians who heard God speak and responded in great works of love and service to other saints, they sadly became dull of hearing¹. Earlier in the letter, the author exhorts those same believers to 'pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.'²

We learn from these verses and the rest of Hebrews that it is the default that we Christians drift and become hard-hearted, *unless* there is real intentionality to hold on to what God has declared to us.

So again: how do we plan to hold on to all that the Lord has said to us in 2023?

Let me share with you some ways that have really helped me do so.

First, I highly recommend cultivating the habit of taking sermon and bible study notes (and an effective way to organize and keep those notes!). As weeks, months and even years have gone by, it's been so helpful for me to go back to those notes (in my case digitally archived on my phone³) and read the passage and notes I took. This has especially been helpful when I inevitably hear a new sermon on a passage I've studied, heard preached or have preached myself before – this helps me to go deeper and continue to be shaped by what God says in that passage.

¹ Hebrews 6:9-12; Hebrews 5:11

² Hebrews 2:1

³ I use the Evernote app to take notes on my phone, iPad and Macbook.

If it isn't already one of your habits, why not try taking notes for sermons and bible studies that you will sit through this year?

Second, intentionally speak to others about what we've heard. Ecclesiastes, Zechariah, Hebrews, the first half of Revelation...are just a few of the books that we've heard God speak through these last two years. One of the best ways to keep going in the truths we've learnt is to be intentional in meeting one another to stir one another up – to encourage each other to keep learning and living out these truths. The author of Hebrews says that we should be so intentional that we should constantly be considering, thinking of ways to meet one another for this purpose⁴. Meeting with brothers and sisters to reflect and live out God's Word to us has been one of the greatest ways that have helped me to hold on to what He has said.

These are just two of many habits we can build into the rest of 2024, can you think of more that would work for you?

Let me leave you with the opening words of the letter to the Hebrews:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by His Son...⁵

Brothers and sisters, in these last days, God has spoken and *is still speaking* to us by His Son – will we do everything we can this coming year to hold on to these words of eternal value?

⁴ Hebrews 10:24&25

⁵ Hebrews 1:1&2a

Announcements

CATECHISM CLASS

For baptism, reaffirmation
and transfer of members

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

Email Lydia (lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) for a form. Contact Ps Dev (dev@zionbishan.org.sg) for more information. Sign up by **11 Feb**.

Child care available upon request.

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) or
Vanessa (vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg)
to sign up, or for more information.

CHURCH CAMP 2024: END OF REGISTRATION

Do note that registration for Church Camp will close on **31 Jan**. As of now, all rooms are fully booked, but members may still register to be put on waitlist: bit.ly/zbcamp24

Registrations will only be confirmed when payment has been received, and rooms not paid for by the due date of **25 Feb 2024** will be released to those on waitlist.

CNY CHURCH FAMILY DINNER

Come have a CNY meal with your church family on the 2nd day of Chinese New Year!

11 Feb (Sun) 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Register for dinner
at: bit.ly/churchfamdinner24 by **4 Feb**

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>

JOIN AN AG TODAY!

As you have heard through our Next Lap church vision sermon series, we want to help every member mature in Christ. One of the ways we hope to do so as a church is through our **Action Group (AGs)**.

*If you're not currently in an AG and would like to visit one in your congregation, please contact your **congregation shepherding team (CST)** or speak to a pastor after the service to find out more.*

Alternatively, you can contact either Danny (danny@zionbishan.org.sg) or Emily (emily@zionbishan.org.sg).

EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATION MEETING

To all communicant members:
ECM will be on **25 Feb (Sun) 1.00pm**
at the **Main Sanctuary**