



They have conquered the dragon
by the **blood of the Lamb** and
by the word of their testimony,
for they loved not their
lives even unto death.

Revelation 12:11

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty (Thousands and thousands);

Come Thou Almighty King; Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

PM: King of Kings; Turn Your Eyes

Scripture Reading: Revelation 12:17 - 13:18 ESV

Message: The Beasts: War for Worship (I)

Response Hymn: O Great God

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: Mr Quek Tze-Ming
(8.30am & 10.30am),
Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek
Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan
Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo
Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew
Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang
Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip
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
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Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	9880 4507
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Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
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

The Beasts: War for Worship (I)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming / Ps Vernon Quek

Revelation 12:17 - 13:18

Intro: The Dragon's Making War... (12:17)

The War for Worship (13:4,8,12,15; 14:7&11)

Beast #1 (13:1-10)

The OT: Daniel 7

This is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints (13:10)

Beast #2 (13:11-18)

Same same, but different to Beast #1

This calls for wisdom (13:18)

Conclusion: Know the Enemy and how he wages war

Who are we worshipping?

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. How is the war for your worship going? In what areas are you enduring and faithfully worshipping the Lord & His Christ?
2. In what ways are the Dragon & his beasts waging war against you today? In what areas are you personally most tempted to abandon worship of the Lord?
3. How can we as saints help and encourage one another as the Dragon wages war on us?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Seniors360 CNY Friendship Meal

(17 Feb) – Thank God for the many volunteers, befrienders and presenters who signed up for this outreach to bless the seniors at Golden Jasmine. Through the different programs and song items planned, pray for the seniors to experience the love and the friendship of Christ, and that Gospel seeds will be sown in their hearts through Ps Kew's message.

MCEL Trip - Ps Paul Yeo will be preaching at Hubong, Endau and Rompin from 17-18 Feb. Pray that through the sermons, the MCEL churches would continue to be in unity with the Spirit and each other. Two ZB members would be traveling with him.

ECM - Pray for the ECM that all members will catch, support and live out Zion Bishan's vision to Present Everyone Mature In Christ through our ministries, activities and work within our church family, and in our home and foreign missions.

Land Lease Renewal - Pray for our application for the fresh 30-year Land Lease Renewal for God's favour that we may continue to shine for Him here in Zion Bishan. Pray also for a favourable offer amount from the SLA.

Our World

Wars and internal conflicts – Pray for God's mercy for people groups in many parts of the world which are affected by wars and internal conflicts (e.g. Ukraine-Russia, Israel-Gaza, Myanmar). These conflicts have resulted in much internal displacement of local people and untold deaths and suffering due to violence, lack of essential food, water and shelter. May God raise up peacemakers and relief providers for all who have suffered. May Christians bring the comfort and grace of God to all who are suffering in these various places.

Indonesia – Indonesia conducted its presidential elections on 14 Feb, last Wednesday. Over 200 million people, over three time zones would have cast their ballots for the country's next president and vice-president and a total of 580 seats will need to be filled in the House of Representatives, Indonesia's national Parliament (The Straits Times, 14 Feb). Pray for God to raise upright, wise and compassionate leaders through these elections that would govern this populous nation well. We thank God for a network of missiology school alumni whom we encourage to be salt and light where they are to unreached peoples in this vast island nation.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	20	
English Service 8:30am	172	\$865.00
English Service 10:30am	449	
English Service 4:30pm	161	
Chinese Service livestream*	6	
Combined Chinese Service	162	\$2,931.00
Tamil Service	12	\$301.00
DHF	18	
TOTAL	1000	\$4,097.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$66,696.42
Weekly Total	\$70,793.42

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

GENERAL PROJECT FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$5,092.10
Weekly Total	\$5,092.10
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$32,158.50

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

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at the Hokkien service this morning.
2. Pastor Zhiwen is preaching at Herald 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
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, 23 Feb

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting (In Person)

Saturday, 24 Feb

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 25 Feb

1.00pm: ECM

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

Revelation Series

25 Feb – The Lamb, the 144,000, and the Angels

(Rev 14:1-13)

Mr Joel Khoo (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon (4.30pm)

3 Mar – The Harvest and the Song of Moses

(Rev 14:14-15:4)

Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Danny Chua (4.30pm)

10 Mar – The Seven Bowls

(Rev 15:5-16:21)

Ps Alby (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.

Some Thoughts On Marriage

Last week was Valentine’s Day, and one of my AGs requested that Chene and I share our ‘couple story’, of getting together and marriage. Another couple requested that I help them conduct a vow-renewal ceremony, as it was their 10th anniversary. Plus I think I’m coming close to conducting around 100 weddings... (not to mention twice that in premarital sessions).

Yet what is on the horizon? The data from the recent IPS Poll (part of the Singapore Perspectives Conference, 2024) indicated that 70% of the younger generation (21-34 years old) did not see the need to get married, and 72% stated there is no need to have children. Thankfully, 68% still *wanted* to get married and 67% *desired* to have children.

So what does that tell me? On one hand I think this data is quite positive. It shows that the ‘idol’ of marriage and family is slowly getting torn down. People still wish to get married and have family but are less pressured into it – so that means less shame when these things don’t or can’t happen. By the way, 82% of youth think that being single is ok.

Yet when we delve further into the rationale why people don’t want family, we see that it is because of the cost of living and the high stress working environment. Work and lifestyle have taken over family as the primary idols of our nation.

That’s the problem when we try to tear down idols without Christ, another idol takes its place. Dealing with societal issues without the gospel only creates new monsters and new problems for the next generation. Which is why the church only has one message for our friends and family and country – follow Jesus! Then marriage & singleness, children and barrenness all become gifts for the kingdom. Family is put in its right place.

For more thoughts, why not...

1. Watch my sermon on family:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXK317Hhy_M
2. Read my friend’s insightful book: “The Air We Breathe”,
by Glen Scrivener

Announcements

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATION MEETING

To all communicant members:

ECM will be on **25 Feb (Sun) 1pm** at the **Main Sanctuary**.

1. All communicant members (above 21) to attend. *Childcare will be provided. Please inform the office if you are overseas that day.*
2. You may appoint a proxy to attend & vote on your behalf.

Copies of the proxy form available at the entrance to sanctuary.

FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING (23 FEB 2024)

Please note that FPM this week, Missions Prayer Night will be **in-person at the Chapel, 7.45pm**.

3 youth teams that visited various Gospel work with different partners at the end of last year will share their learnings and pray for what God has helped them to see and put in their hearts.

ZB YOUTH MINISTRY

ZB Youth Ministry is calling for youths to be connected to the ZB church family — join us for Youth Fellowship on Saturdays, and Youth Discipleship class on Sundays.

Speak with **Jacqueline (9322 7629)**, **Dns Ee-Wern** or **Dns Larissa**, if you know someone in their teens interested to join, or if you'd like to find out how you can serve our ZB youths.

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Learn conversational English on *Monday mornings, 10am – 12pm*.

Registration for classes only on 26 Feb from 10.45am – 12pm.

For enquiries, please contact **Cynthia Ng at 9857 7696**.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

7 Wednesdays beginning from 13 Mar, 7.30-9.30pm at Zion Bishan BP Church.

Join us for this informal course that seeks 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. Dinner will be provided.

Register at bit.ly/CEzionbishan or contact **Timothy (timothy@zionbishan.org.sg)** for any enquiries.

MEN MINISTRY

Today's evolving culture challenges the traditional view of men being made in God's image, creating confusion about gender identity. We call all Christian men, both young and old, to join us and rediscover and embrace God's intended purpose, fulfilling their manhood roles as sons of God.

Sons – Embracing God's calling

Speaker: Ps Dev Menon
24 Feb 2024 (Sat) 8am – 9.30am
Zion Bishan Chapel, Level 4
Breakfast at 7.30am

<http://tinyurl.com/MMEG2024Feb>