



IN THE BEGINNING, GOD...

GENESIS 1:1

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: I Stand in Awe; Across the Lands; This is My Father's World

PM: Lord of All Creation; All Creatures of Our God and King; You Alone can Rescue

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1, 1:24-2:4, 11:27-12:3 (ESV)

Message: Genesis 1-12 Review

Response Hymn: Hymn of the Saviour

Mission Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

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/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *In-person in Room 106 & Zoom*

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) *In-person in Room 105 & Zoom*

2.30pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

8.45pm DHF 1B (in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *only 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 Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)
Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Lim Nan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: Music PM Team 4

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
Rev Chris, <i>Asst Pastor (Tamil)</i>	9446 7416
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
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Ministry</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>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Genesis 1-12 Review

Genesis 1:1, 1:24-2:4, 11:27-12:3

Introduction

RECAP: Genesis 1 – 12 in 7 minutes

RELATE: The God revealed

RESCUE: God's promise and plan

RESPOND

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. From our journey through Genesis 1 to 12, what have you learned about God? Which episode in the story struck you the most about God's character?
2. What have you learned about yourself, or rather, God's design and purpose for you?
3. How does Genesis 1 to 12 help you appreciate Christ and Christmas? And how does it help you appreciate what the end of all things will be like?
4. How does God want you to live? How is He calling you to trust and obey Him?

Genesis 1-12 Review: 'Genesis for the Generations'

Ps Vernon Quek

Genesis 1:1, 1:24-2:4; 11:27-12:3

Intro: For the Generations...(2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10 & 27)

❖ 3 Key Lessons in Genesis for the Generations:

#1: Who God is:

- The Creator God
- The Committed Covenant-Maker

#2: Who We are: The Tale of Two Family Lines

Adam & Eve (1:26ff)	
The Curse of the Fall (3:15)	
Eve's Offspring	The Serpent's Offspring
Abel / Seth (Gen 4)	Cain (Gen 4)
Enosh (4:26)	
Enoch (5:21-24)	Lamech (4:17-24)
Noah (Gen 6-9)	Rest of Mankind (6:1-13)
The Generations of Shem & Terah (11:10 & 27)	The Babel Generation (11:1-9)
Abraham (11:27ff)	

Family Traits...	

#3: What God is doing: His Plan and Pattern

- Fruitful Image-bearing Multiplication that fills the Earth (1:26-28)

Conclusion: Genesis: the Book for all Generations of God's People

- Genesis: the Book for this Generation!

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What are one or two of the biggest things you want to anchor into your own heart from Genesis this year? What do you really want to remember from Genesis in 5 years time?
2. What have you learnt or been reminded about who God is from Genesis?
3. What have you learnt or been reminded about mankind and ourselves?
4. How is Genesis foundational to our identity as God's People? Share with someone how you have been encouraged or challenged to practically live out Genesis in your life individually and in our lives together as God's People in this generation.

Prayer Points

Our Church

AG Leaders – We praise God for the many AG leaders across all our congregations who have labored in love to shepherd, teach and love their members over the past year. As the end of the year marks a teaching break for many of our AGs, pray for a time of physical rest and restoration for our AGLs and a season of more spiritual refreshment with Christ through that.

Genesis Sermon Series – Thank God for speaking and teaching us through the book of Genesis over the past 4 months! Pray that the truths proclaimed will continue to transform our hearts and shape the way we live as a church in Zion Bishan. Please share any reflections or thoughts from the series with us (link on the last page of bulletin).

Radion Team (24 Nov - 2 Dec) – A team of 8 adults are flying to Phetchabun, Thailand this Sunday to love the kids both from the Radion shelter and the villages with the Gospel. Pray for Jesus' love to be displayed clearly, and for attentiveness to what God will teach us through all that we see and experience through the home visits to the Hmong people in the villages, the evangelistic kids camp, and a mass food distribution.

Community Day (16 Nov) – Thank God for the many visitors and friends who came in spite of the weather, and also for the opportunity to love our neighbours as salt and light in Bishan. Pray for wisdom and love to continue

connecting with them beyond the event last Saturday, and for us to know how we can be serving them as a church family.

Terusan Migrant Guest Workers'

Christmas Program – Pray for a Christmas Outreach that will take place next week (1 Dec, 6.30pm in our church), that God will bring all who have registered to listen to the gospel of Christ. May God use all the volunteers for His glory as they show His love in serving the guest workers.

Our Denomination

Emmanuel BP Church – Praise the Lord that they have found a licensed anchor tenant, Active Radiant Life, for the premises at One Pemimpin. Do pray for a good working partnership between the church and the organisation going forward. Pray also for the 3-yearly renewal of the license to operate as a religious organisation in this industrial space.

Our World

Nepal – Thank God for the group of 4 from our church that has arrived in Nepal and travelled smoothly through various places by car, small plane and finally through a day's trek to their remote destination. Pray for a good time of connecting with the believers there and wisdom to support their efforts to be salt and light to a village there.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	16	
English Service 8:30am	200	\$977.40
English Service 10:30am	551	
English Service 4:30pm	227	
Chinese Service livestream*	9	
Chinese Service 8:30am	87	\$911.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	63	\$379.00
ME Service	61	\$1,153.00
Hokkien Service	71	\$949.00
Tamil Service	18	\$314.00
DHF	18	
TOTAL	1321	\$4,683.40

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.*

Electronic Transfer	\$68,648.62
Weekly Total	\$73,332.02
<i>Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/25: \$82,235</i>	

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$5,595.95
Weekly Total	\$5,595.95
Total General Projects Fund:	\$5,455,569.51

Church Family News

- 1. Bro Tze-Ming taught a session on the Apostles’ Creed with Herald BP Young Adults on Saturday.
- 2. Ps Alby is preaching at the Hokkien Service this morning.
- 3. Ps Dev is preaching at Gereja Kristus Yesus this morning and conducting a family seminar in Zion Serangoon 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
General Projects 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

Fri, 29 Nov

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 30 Nov

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 1 Dec

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

Advent Series: The Saviour of All

1 Dec – Preparing: The Saviour's Messenger

Luke 1:1-24 - *Mr Danny Chua*

8 Dec – Believing: The Saviour's Announcing

Luke 1:26-38 - *Dr Quek Tze-Ming*

15 Dec – Reversing: The Saviour's Mission

Luke 1:39-56 - *Ps Vernon Quek*

22 Dec – Forgiving: The Saviour's Purpose

Luke 1:57-80 - *Ps Ng Zhiwen*

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.

“I Hate Evangelism”

“I hate evangelism” (or *“I hate being told to share the good news of Jesus!”*). Have you ever felt that way? I have. To be more honest, I feel that a little too often every now and then.

“I hate being told to share the good news of Jesus” - those are words many of us probably never imagine we’d say aloud. But those are sentiments and feelings we sometimes find ringing true in our hearts. Maybe some of those guilt-laden emotions get tingled that bit more each year around Christmas time, as we get reminded of Christmas services, Christmas messages, Christmas outreaches etc.

But *“I hate having to share the good news of Jesus!”* would have been a strange thought to the various people involved on that very first Christmas night. Especially the very first recipients of the angelic pronouncement of the Saviour’s birth – the good, old shepherds.

Do you remember what happened? After generations of Adam’s descendants and Abraham’s children waited for thousands of years for that one offspring, that one son, the saviour... Finally...

*⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you **good news of great joy that will be for all the people.** ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:8-11)*

Don’t miss that. The Christmas message of the Saviour’s birth is **“good news of great joy** that will be for all the people.” “Good news” – where the word *evangelism* comes from... “Good news” is itself the basis, ground and heart of an announcement worth announcing.

Brothers and sisters, often, when we feel those tinges of fear or even a burdensome weight of dread when “evangelism” enters the conversation... Isn’t it because we’ve somehow lost a wonder of that “good news” of the Saviour’s birth?

This means “great joy” might not be the best description of what some of us – believers for many years – know and experience when we hear of the Saviour’s birth. Worse, we might even feel bad, a little *paiseh* that we don’t overflow with the great joy that those shepherds burst with, or other Christians seem to exude.

What do we do then? How can we get ourselves out of this rut of cold hearts and weary attitudes towards the Saviour’s birth? For one, we need help – and there’s nothing wrong with crying out to our God “fill me again with great joy and wonder when I behold the Saviour’s birth, Lord!” He delights in refreshing our souls.

At the same time, this December, as the Advent Series on the nativity narrative unfolds through Luke’s Gospel, as you turn up among the many who have returned to church after months or years away, as you sit in the pews in the midst of hope-seeking folks who have lived their lives in darkness...

Would you come and listen to the Christmas message of the Saviour’s birth anew? Would you open your hands and hearts to receive afresh good news of great joy?

For it is even for struggling, tired ones such as us that the Saviour was born.

Announcements

Advent Series: The Saviour of All

Christmas presents a wonderful opportunity to invite our unbelieving loved ones to hear the Good News of the Saviour come to rescue sinful humanity! Please prayerfully consider inviting friends and family to our three service gatherings each week in December to hear an evangelistic message from Luke's account of the Christmas events!

Details and an invitation flyer will be sent via our bulletin channels.

Join our Telegram channel here:
<https://t.me/+5LTmGdsXkbc3Mzc1>

Christmas Day Services (25 Dec)

Rejoicing: The Saviour's Birth

Luke 2:1-21, Ps David Wong

Join us either at **10.30am or 4.30pm** for our Christmas Day services to hear good news of great joy about the Saviour's birth!

Stay for a post-service lunch or dinner. Please sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBC24YUM>

Infant / Child Baptism (22 Dec)

Interested parents, please email lydia@zionbishan.org.sg for form and sign up by **8 Dec**.

Zion Bishan Church Camp 2025

Save the dates and come for next year's ZB Church Camp, which will be held on **20 - 23 June 2025** (Friday to Monday), at PARKROYAL A'FAMOSA MELAKA RESORT.

Early-bird registration is now open!

View details and register at
bit.ly/2025ZBCamp

Genesis End-of-Series Reflections

We have now come to end of the Genesis 1-12 sermon series as a church family!

How has the LORD spoken to you, and your family and your AG? How have you been encouraged in your hearts or challenged in your lives?

Please share your thoughts here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBGenReflections>

Ministry Behind the Money

In conjunction with the in-person session, here are the ministry presentations that can be viewed on the churches website at

www.zionbishan.org.sg/mbtm2024
(password: mbtm2024!)