

THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL PEOPLE... REALLY?



ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs: Come People of the Risen King; Your Word; All to Us

Installation of Elected Leaders

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:9-16 (ESV)

Message: Youth Work? Heart Work.

Response Hymn: There is One Gospel

Holy Communion: Nothing Can I Boast In

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:

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 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: zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speaker: Mr Joel Khoo

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Lim Nan

Worship Leader: Dn Lim Nan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music Am Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: Music Am Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Teo Hui Qing

Worship Leader: Dn John Chua

Vocalist & Musicians: Music Pm Team 1

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: user ID followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	(on Sabbatical)
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	dev
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	jtlim
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor	(on Sabbatical)
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	vernon
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor	zhiwen
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien/Mand)	paul
Rev Ebi Mohan, Assoc. Pastor (Tamil)	ebi
Rev Chris, Asst Pastor (Tamil)	christopher
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	emily
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	june
Ms Elizabeth Hira, Children's Ministry/DHF	hira
Mrs Sha.ron Quek, Overseas Ministries	sharon
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	danny
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, Ministry Staff	tzeming
Mrs Jacqueline Ong, Youth Ministry	jacqueline
Mrs Vanessa Khoo, Women's Ministry	vanessa
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	joel
Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education	timothy
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

Youth Work? Heart Work.

Psalms 119:9-16

Introduction - Youth Work? Hard Work

Helping them to walk in God's way by:

- 1. Hiding the Word in their Hearts... (v9-12)**
- 2. ...so that they Delight in the Lord (v13-16)**

A Story of Heart Work

Conclusion: Doing Heart Work Together

Discussion & Reflection:

1. The Psalmist whole heartedly seeks God in his Word (v10). How does that change the way we think of reading God's Word ourselves?
2. Do we recognize the importance of hiding the Word in our hearts (v11)? How should that influence the way we minister to the younger generation?
3. How can we be doing heart work alongside the youth so that they delight in God and his Word (v14)?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Explore Internship – Our 2 Explore interns, Brennan Ting and Ashley Tan, will be extending their internship for another 4 weeks with us. We thank God for how He has been growing them to maturity and pray that the rest of the internship will continue growing their love for Jesus and his gospel.

Elected Leaders – We thank God for our newly elected elder, deacons and deaconess. They were all voted in at the ACM last Sunday with more than 95% of the votes. As they are installed today, we ask that members continue to pray for them and support them as they shoulder the heavy responsibilities of spiritual leadership. Pray also for the many who were re-elected. May God bless the work of their hands!

Youth Discipleship Leaders - Thank God for a time of fellowship around the Word of Christ last week for our YD leaders, where they met for a monthly time of equipping and mutual support. Even as we hear this Sunday about the heart-work in discipling the youth as a church family, let us keep in prayer the YD leaders who persevere in declaring and modeling Jesus to our youths, weekly in small groups. May they also continue to be nourished by our Lord first as they proclaim Him.

Basic AG Leaders Equipping –

6 participants are spending the next 1.5 months together exploring from the Word what it means to care for the flock of God as undershepherds. May the Holy Spirit enlarge their view of and joy in Jesus on this journey of caring for their AG members.

Our Denomination

Emmanuel BP – We thank God for the smooth ACM last Sunday, where our brother, George Khoo, was elected to serve as a ruling Elder, alongside Pastor David Leong, in the EBPC Session! We pray that the Lord will lead him to shepherd the flock there with all faithfulness. Please continue to pray for all our sister churches!

Our World

India – Pray for the work of reaching the unreached in North India by a partner who is a faith based NGO serving the education and livelihood needs here. Pray for the young adult students who are part of a 10-month residential training programme that grows their vocational skills, and spiritual life. These students ran Children's summer camps in 19 different locations this past week. Pray for good follow up in these locations and those who attended would be drawn to Jesus from these camps.

Last Week

Easter Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	15	
English Service 8:30am	197	\$2,074.00
English Service 10:30am	534	
English Service 4:30pm	206	
Chinese Service livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	79	\$1,117.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	80	\$464.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	57	\$1,224.00
Hokkien Service	56	\$638.00
Tamil Service	20	\$863.00
DHF	20	
TOTAL:	1271	\$6,380.00

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.*

Electronic Transfer	\$48,837.40
Weekly Total	\$55,217.40

Weekly Offering to meet estimated expenditure for 2025/26: \$94,181

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$3,361.50
Weekly Total	\$3,361.50
Total General Projects Fund:	\$5,766,094.55

Church Family News

1. Dr Quek Tze-Ming is preaching at Shalom BP Church this morning.
2. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Gereja Kristus Yesus (GKY) church this morning.
3. Ps Dev will be preaching at the Herald BP Church Camp in JB from 3 - 6 June.
4. Ps Vernon will be overseas at a preaching conference from 2 - 6 June.

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**

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*Please provide your CONTACT
NUMBER on each cheque*

Looking Ahead

Fri, 6 June

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 7 June

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 8 June

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

June Series

The Gospel is for ALL people... really?

8 June – The Gospel is for ALL People Groups

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

15 June – Breaking Barriers

Ps Dev Menon

22 June – 10.30am Service Only

The Message of the King

Rev Peter Low

29 June – Journeying with the Neurodivergent

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.

Nicely Done in Nicaea

Tuesday 20 May 2025 (two Tuesdays ago) was the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which took place in what is today Iznik, in Turkey, in the year 325. This was the first universal council of Christian church leaders, and commands respect and acceptance from all major branches of the Christian church, including our denomination Bible-Presbyterians.

The Council was convened primarily to reach a consensus on what Christians could rightly say about who and what God the Son is, in relation to God the Father. How do Christians say right things that safeguard monotheism (“there is One God”) and uphold the divinity of Christ (“Jesus is the Son of God”)?

In the years decades leading up to the Council, different teachers came up with various unsatisfactory solutions. Maybe Jesus is a divine being, never human, who only pretends to be human? This is the teaching known as Docetism, which I like to call the “Superman” solution: Superman is really Kal-El from Krypton, and he only pretends to be the human Clark Kent. Or maybe Jesus starts out as a human and then becomes divine when the Holy Spirit or the divine Christ enters him? This is known as Adoptionism, which I call the “Spiderman” solution: Peter Parker is a normal human who got bitten by a radioactive spider and gains superhuman power as Spiderman.

One teacher was Arius, who said “there was once when Jesus was not.” He taught that God the Father created Jesus as the first of his creation, and everything was brought into being by Jesus. The Son is not co-eternal with the Father, but lesser in nature and dignity. Thus, Jesus is more than human, but less than God. Christ is similar to God, maybe a “god” (lower case), but not true God. This wrong teaching started to gain support throughout areas where Christianity was growing and resulted in disputes in churches.

The confusion got so bad that the Roman Emperor Constantine, a new Christian convert, convened a universal council of church leaders to settle this question in 325 AD in Nicaea. Contemporary accounts tell us that 318 bishops attended, with 1200-1900 elders and deacons in attendance. Reports paint a moving sight of this gathering of church leaders, who, only a decade or so before, had come out of great persecution for their faith. All but 15 of the bishops bore on their bodies signs of faithfulness under tribulation: some scarred from lashings, some missing eyes or limbs, many in their church position because their predecessor had been martyred.

The deliberations continued for a few months, with supporters and detractors of the false teacher Arius having their say. Eventually Arius' teaching was condemned, and a consensus arrived, faithful to the whole counsel of God, guided by the working of the Holy Spirit:

Jesus, Son of God, is "of one being" or "the same substance" as God the Father. Jesus is eternally begotten of the Father, not made or created.

The Council then produced the Nicene Creed (firmed up in 381 AD), outlining what Christians believe ("Credo" is Latin for "I believe"). The first few lines of the second paragraph express the resolution of what we should rightly say about Jesus Christ, Son of God:

And [I believe] in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being **of one substance** with the Father,
By whom all things were made; ...

The Nicene Creed is the benchmark of classical Christianity, embraced by all historic branches: Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Syrian, and Eastern Christians. The whole of the Nicene Creed is well worth reflecting and praying over. Those in our catechism classes have been learning about its main teachings, through a shorter summary called the Apostles' Creed.

Happy 1700th Nicaea Day!

Announcements

Church Camp Briefing

5 June (Thu) 8pm on Zoom

All campers are to attend the pre-camp briefing. Campers will receive the link via email.

Also, join the Camp Telegram channel for important info and updates at

bit.ly/camp2025telegram

Seniors360 Outing: Fort Canning Heritage Trail

28 Jun (Sat) 8.30a – 2.30pm

Fee: **\$10/pax**

Fully guided stroll around Fort Canning, with entry into the BattleBox and the Fort Canning Gallery.

Lunch at Old Airport Road Food Centre (at own expenses)

Come join us and invite your non-Christian friends along!

Register and pay by 18 June
(**limited seats**)

Sign up link:

<http://rebrand.ly/s360jun25>

Chinese Combined Service (15 Jun)

Chinese Church Camp Week
13 - 16 June

Only One Chinese Combined Service at 9am in Chapel

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#GetReal with Sexual Temptation

A men's group for support and encouragement in journeying through sexual sins.

Contact **Benlee (90884264)** or **Wei Ming (93283067)** for more info.

Combined Congregations Prayer Meeting

**6 June 2025 (Fri), 8 - 9.30pm
at Sanctuary**

Join us for a time of coming before God in worship, praying for our hearts and our congregations, that we may all *#GetSent* for the Kingdom.

Note: This will be the **only** Friday Prayer Meeting (FPM) in June, the other weeks will be a break from Zoom FPM and we will resume **in-person** for Missions Month in July.