

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Doxology

Worship in Songs:

AM: Come Praise and Glorify; I Exalt Thee; There is One Gospel;

This is How We Know

PM: The Gospel was Promised; Holy Spirit Living Breath of God; I Surrender All

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:1-3 (NIV)

Message: Kingdom People - The Unexpected Servants of Christ

Response Hymn: Hear the Call of the Kingdom

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 <u>zionbishan.org.sg/dhf</u>

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: Rev Dr Patrick Fung

Rev Dr. Patrick Fung and his wife Jennie, previously served as medical doctors in South Asia. He was the former General Director of OMF International (formerly known as China Inland Mission) from 2005 to 2023 and currently serves as the Global Ambassador for OMF International.

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Judah Koh Worship Leader: Eld Tay Beng Hwee Vocalist & Musicians: Pm Music Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew Vocalist & Musicians: Pm Music Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Ernest Kay Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low Vocalist & Musicians: Am Music Team 3

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

Kingdom People - The Unexpected Servants of Christ

Rev Dr Patrick Fung

Luke 8:1-3		
Introduction		
A Grateful Heart		
A Willing Service		
A Humble Spirit		

Discussion Questions:

- Mary had a broken life experience in the past, tormented by evil spirits.
 Yet, in Luke 8:1-3, Mary is able to serve Jesus. What about your own life experience? What are you grateful to God for?
- Joanna was willing to leave her comfort zone to follow Jesus.
 Is there anything you find hard to lay aside to follow Jesus wholeheartedly? What lesson/s have you learned from today's story?
- 3. Susanna was only mentioned once in the Bible, and we do not know anything she did for Jesus. How does that reconcile with our achievement-oriented culture?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Peer Support Training – Over the next two Saturdays, 5 of our members will be a part of PS training. May the Lord grow these members in His word and in ministry to the wider Body - as they are equipped as first responders to provide emotional support to fellow members in challenging life situations or crises. May each be confident to help strugglers and sufferers seek help and hear from the Good Shepherd.

Our People

Indonesia Trip – 7 members of our church leave on 23 July for a 5-day visit to encourage alumni from our missiology school serving in Indonesia. They serve in various ministries reaching out to the majority group here. We shall be meeting with 34 adults and 16 children. Pray that we will have a blessed time of fellowship and spiritual refreshment.

Our World

Nepal – Our partner in West Nepal reports that this past Thursday, they cultivated 10 acres of land in town B and 15 acres of land in town N with rice paddy seedlings. They are praying for sufficient rain for these seedlings. The children in these centres depend on these crops for sustenance throughout the year. May the Lord also continue to grow the faith and love for Jesus in all these centres in West Nepal.

India – We announced on 6 July about the home-going of our mission partner, Brother M.

Together with his wife, Sister J, they have a network of centres that provide daycare for needy children in various Indian cities.

Sister J is now the Director for this network in Kolkata. Pray for the organisation and its board to find a way to transit well into the future under the Lord's guidance and provision.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering		
English Service Livestream*	19			
English Service 8:30am	218	\$1,085.00		
English Service 10:30am	542			
English Service 4:30pm	232			
Chinese Service livestream*	7			
Chinese Service 8:30am	88	\$822.00		
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	70	\$452.00		
Mand/English Service 10.30am	57	\$1,088.00		
Hokkien Service	68	\$2,751.00		
Tamil Service	13	\$911.00		
DHF	34			
TOTAL	1348	\$7,109.00		
*Livestreaming peak concurrent view	ers			
Electronic Transfer		\$90,664.36		
Weekly Total		\$97,773.36		
Weekly offering to meet budget for 2025/26: \$94,181				

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$5,300.80
Weekly Total	\$5,300.80
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$5,842,353.04

Church Family News

- 1. Congratulations to Jared & Shyen on the birth of their firstborn daughter, Rei Koh, on 8 July 2025!
- 2. Congratulations to Da Yong & Pei Ling on the birth of their firstborn son, Elias Soon, on 15 July 2025!
- Ps Vernon is at In-Camp Training from Mon, 14 July Fri, 15 Aug.
- 4. Ps Dev was preaching at the Galilee BP Church retreat on Sat 19 July.
- 5. Danny is preaching at Galilee BP Church's youth corporate worship service.
- Pastor Zhiwen is preaching at Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church this morning. He will be on In-Camp Training from 24 July - 8 Aug.
- Vanessa Khoo will be starting a part-time Graduate
 Diploma of Ministry at ETCAsia from 24th July. Her study
 hours will be Thurs mornings and full days on Friday.

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, 25 July

8.00pm, In-person at the Chapel

Friday Prayer Meeting: Missions in MENA

Sat, 26 July

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 27 July

Worship Services at 8.30am, 10.30am

& 4.30pm

Missions Month: Your Kingdom Come

27 July - Obeying the Heavenly Call

Mr Watson Rajaratnam

Romans

3 Aug - Romans 5-8 Review

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am) Mr Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

10 Aug - Romans 9:1-29

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am) Mr Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

17 Aug – Romans 9:30-10:17

Dr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30 & 10.30 am)
Ps Dev Menon (4.30 pm)

Connect With Us

Thank you for joining us today!

Should you be interested to find out more about Jesus, indicate your response at bit.ly/ZBinterest and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

Timothy Ong

Learning from Short Term Trips (Part 2)

Following from last week's Word in Season, we hear from two members from our church family who recently participated in another short-term trip earlier in May this year. The team comprised of 8 others from other churches in Singapore.

Camp Wycliffe is a week-long missions exposure trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand. Jointly organized by Wycliffe Singapore and Wycliffe Thai Foundation, this trip is designed for participants to gain exposure and a deeper understanding of world missions, cross-cultural ministries and discover God's call for their lives. Here are reflections and learnings from Gillian and Daniel.

Gillian Chua:

Ever since starting work life, Daniel and I have been wanting to take our first extended leave to serve God and His people. We were excited to find that Camp Wycliffe happened to fit our complicated leave schedules. However, with uncertainty over leave application, and the deadline for registration fast approaching, I was close to backing out. Because of leave issues, busyness of work and wedding planning, what started off as a strong excitement became a hesitant "yes" to God when the leave finally got approved. I realized how important it is to keep praying for our hearts to stay committed, and to have our community pray with us for our eyes to be set on Christ.

Through this trip, I came to appreciate the importance of the Bible in fresh ways. The goal of Wycliffe is to allow people to have the Bible in their own heart language. They shared how the work of Bible translation involves many years of hard work and people with different talents: people willing to go into the tribes, linguists to transcribe oral languages into script, computer scientists



The 10-member Singapore team

to put the script into keyboards, translators to translate the Bible, teachers to provide literacy training to the tribes so they can eventually read the translated Bible. For Daniel and I, our first language is English and we cannot imagine what it would be like if we only have the Bible in Chinese! In Singapore, we do not realise the blessing of

being able to access and read the Bible. Hearing stories of how entire tribal villages were transformed through the Word of God gave me a deeper appreciation of how God's word is "alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

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### **Daniel Ong YJ:**

This was my first time going on an overseas trip focused on mission work, and looking back I'm thankful for how the trip gave me many good insights into cross-cultural missions. During the trip, we had several sessions with our camp speaker who spoke about issues like what it is like to bring the gospel to different cultures, the joys and stressors of being in the field, and how God can transform communities. As Wycliffe is an organization with a special focus on Bible translation, we also learnt about the great need for many communities who still do not have God's word in their heart language. It is truly God's grace that we have the Bible in English today.

One highlight of the trip was definitely the village stay where we lived with families from the local church, attended their service, and work on a community project together. With the language barrier and unfamiliar surroundings, it gave us a taster about what it's like to be placed in a foreign community. This in turn taught me more about reaching communities here at home.



A church member's family praying to accept Christ

The challenges of bringing the gospel to foreign cultures are what we experience in small ways here when trying to reach those who are a different age, culture or religion from us. Seeing the importance of having God's word in one's heart language has also motivated me to try learning more about how to speak about Christianity in Chinese and Cantonese (languages spoken by my relatives and many at my workplace)!

Looking ahead, Gillian and I may not know what our plans for the future are, but this trip has definitely taught us how we can pray for God's will in our lives and for the many who have yet to know Him.

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Praise God for these testimonies! Short term trips are a great way for us to be attentive to what God is doing, and how He invites us to partner with Him!

Our desire is to be a church family that continually learns and grows in God's Mission. We invite you to get connected with the Missions Education & Mobilisation team and find more of such opportunities at https://getsent.zionbishan.my.canva.site. May we all #GetSent for His Kingdom! Amen.

Announcements

Christianity Explored

Help others discover Jesus through the Gospel of Mark

- If you're interested to join as Table Hosts, 3 weekly training sessions begin from 6 Aug at 7.30pm.
- If you're interested to come as a participant, save the dates! The course starts on 27 Aug and will run for 7 Wednesday evenings.

Contact Tim Ong (timothy@zionbishan.org.sg) for more info or register at bit.ly/zbcehosts

The Antioch Summit

Annual missions mobilization conference organized by **ANTIOCH21**.

This is the 2nd year of the Decade of Missions (2023-2033), and if you are seriously considering getting involved in Cross-Cultural Missions, the Summit is the place to be.

This is where God's people gather to be with Jesus on the mountain top to behold His beauty and glory, catch His passion for the nations and be sent out in His name.

It will run from 2 - 4 Oct, at Bartley Christian Church.

Early Bird registration is now open (up to 31 Aug). Sign up today.

Join Our Team at Zion Bishan!

We are looking for a full-time Ministry Staff to help develop and grow our **SENIORS360 Ministry.** If you are a mature Christian with a heart for serving, supporting, and empowering seniors, and have prior ministry experience (preferably with seniors), we invite you to consider this meaningful role.

The ideal candidate will have strong organizational and communication skills, be bilingual in English and Chinese, and enjoy working as part of a team alongside pastors, staff, volunteers, and the Committee. A willingness to undergo further training in seniors-related or theological courses, including a possible one-year church apprenticeship, is essential.

Come be a part of a ministry that makes a lasting impact on the lives of seniors in our community!

Please submit your resume to adam@zionbishan.org.sg

Missions Prayer Night

25 July, 8pm at Chapel Level 4

Come and hear updates from the frontlines of MENA and join us to pray for our brothers & sisters in this region.

Sign up at https://bit.ly/zbmpn-MENA. Registration is required.