



... IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH
THAT JESUS IS LORD AND
BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT
GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD
YOU WILL BE SAVED.

ROMANS 10:9

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Doxology

[MORNING]

Worship in Songs: Come Praise And Glorify; Only By Grace Can We Enter;
Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:1-24 (ESV)

Message: The Olive Tree

Response Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

[AFTERNOON]

Worship in Songs: There Is One Gospel; Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder;
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:1-24 (ESV)

Message: Gracious Gentile Grafting

Response Hymn: Come Praise and Glorify

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:

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

Speakers:

Ps Dev Menon (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Vernon Quek (4.30 pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Lim Nan

Worship Leader: Dn John Chua

Vocalist & Musicians: Adhoc Am Music Team

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Mervyn Phan

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: Adhoc Am Music Team

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Khoo

Worship Leader: Dn John Chua

Vocalist & Musicians: Adhoc Pm Music Team

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>Sabbatical</i>
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
Ms Elizabeth Hira, <i>Children's Min/DHF</i>	9239 0680
Mrs Sha.ron 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
Mrs Jacqueline Ong, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	9322 7629
Mrs Vanessa Khoo, <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

The Olive Tree

Romans 11:1-24

Has God rejected His people?

- **No! Look at me!**
- **Remnant & Hardening**

Has God rejected His people?

- **No! Look at you!**
- **Rejection & Jealousy**

Branches Out, Branches In

Discussion Questions:

1. List down a few things that you remember from the sermon and the passage.
2. Why are so many of Paul's family members not saved? What was the problem highlighted in the previous chapter?
3. How do we know God has not given up on the Jews? What evidence did Paul give?
4. As Gentile Christians, what should our relationship be with respect to Biblical Israel, Jewish Christians and unbelieving Jews?
5. What is with all this Olive Tree language? Where do we fit in this tree? What are the implications that we are now grafted in?

Gracious Gentile Grafting

Romans 11:1-24

Recap: How God Saves (10:13-15)



Today: An Encouragement & A Warning (11:20-22)

Has God rejected Israel? No! (v1-10)

Israel's Failure (v7-10)

The Law, the Prophets & David (Isa 29, Deut 29 & Pslm 69)

So is God done with Israel? No! (v11-24)

Jewish Jealousy (v11-16)

God's Gracious Grafting (v17-24)

Conclusion: God's Glorious Grace

A Warning: Do you really believe?

Beautiful Feet

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What was encouraging to you from today's sermon? What was challenging?
2. How has Romans 11 so far helped us understand the big picture of God's Salvation Plan better? How does ethnic Israel fit into that plan? How do we as Gentile Believers fit in?
3. Is there anyone in your life now that you've consciously or sub-consciously written off as outside of God's power to save? What is the warning in today's passage? Why is it important that you carefully re-consider your view of those you might have written off?
4. How has today's passage grown your confidence in the Gospel of Faith in Jesus? How does it help our hearts to glorify God (the end of Romans 11)?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Safeguarding Training – Thank God that around 30 leaders and members are joining in our safeguarding training session this afternoon. May God help us grow in awareness and culture, to be a church that guards against abuse, and to cultivate a safe community for all to seek Jesus.

Catechism Class – Let us uphold the 21 catechumens who began this round of the catechism class yesterday. May the Spirit minister to them as they fellowship around the word of Christ and examine the theological foundations of the gospel we proclaim. May each grow in conviction and assurance of Christ in their hearts.

Our People

Danny Chua - We thank God that our brother Danny has passed all his ordination exams! He will be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel at our upcoming 31st Anniversary service. Pray for him as he prepares for this new calling.

Our Denomination

Emmanuel BP – We thank God for the start of a new catechism class involving some young people and potential new members. God has truly been faithful and we are praying that this will be the start of new life and growth at our sister church! Continue to pray for Ps David and Elder George as they shepherd the church in this season. We are also praying for more to go over and to serve the saints there.

Our World

Nepal – Led by JN & RN, a team of 5 from our church and 2 from other churches will be visiting our West Nepal partner from 5 Sep onwards in various time periods. They will be equipping centre youths and leaders in 2 districts. Pray for the team to creatively engage the youths and leaders within their daily routines so that they will be able to put into practice what they will be learning immediately into their context. Pray for all to grow in faith and obedience to Jesus.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	19	
English Service 8:30am	203	\$6,535.00
English Service 10:30am	532	
English Service 4:30pm	268	
Chinese Service livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	83	\$1,040.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	79	\$516.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	63	\$1,277.00
Hokkien Service	40	\$284.00
Tamil Service	13	\$91.00
DHF	27	
TOTAL	1335	\$9,743.00

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer	\$58,697.18
Weekly Total	\$68,440.18

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2025/26: \$94,181

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$3,869.50
Weekly Total	\$3,869.50
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$5,875,233.84

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Wei Ming & Cheryl on the birth of their firstborn son, Asher Wee Jun Le, on 22 Aug 2025!
2. Bro Tze-Ming is speaking at Bethesda Chapel this morning.
3. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Barker Road Methodist Church this weekend.
4. Our staff Bay Yew Chye will be resigning as of 31 Aug 2025. We pray that he will use this new season to spend more time with his family. His duties will be largely covered by Khaing (our warden & cleaner) and also by Bernard Lim (our admin staff).
5. Church office will be closed on Tuesday, 2 Sep for a staff retreat.

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, 5 Sep

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 6 Sep

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 7 Sep

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

Romans

7 Sep – Romans 11:25-36

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Mr Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

14 Sep – Romans 9-11 Review

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30 pm)

21 Sep – Romans 12a

Ps Vernon Quek

28 Sep – Romans 12b

Dr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Vernon Quek (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!

BPCIS UPDATE

THE POWER OF STORY

I once heard a speaker from Disney who shared about a girl who left her teddy bear behind after visiting Disneyland. Her parents wrote to ask if it could be found and returned. Disney not only returned the bear but sent with it a story titled, “My Adventures at Disneyland” told firsthand by the lost bear. I was fascinated by the creativity behind what could have been a simple administrative procedure.

TRUE STORIES

If made-up stories like the one by the left-behind bear could appeal, how much more true stories! We have been telling such stories (or testimonies) on our BPCIS website. Two latest stories come from Mount Carmel BPC, one by someone who failed in school, suffered deep inferiority complex, and found her identity and worth. Another is by a caregiver who journeyed with her stroke-incapacitated sister for over 20 years.

In the coming months, we plan to feature such life stories, church by church. We will also hear from our pastors what they share as reflections with their churches. Remember to log in to bpcis.org.sg.

STORY OF BPCIS

As we celebrate our 15th Anniversary in 2026, we will put together a video, “The Story of BPCIS” from the time it was launched in 2011. More than 20 years after the BP denomination was disbanded in 1988 (with the Dissolution of the BP Synod), 11 BP churches have regathered to support one another in fellowship and service. Mark Saturday, 19 September 2026, for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

THE GREATEST STORY

All stories converge on the greatest Story ever told: the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Next year, our Good Friday services will be decentralised to 3 locations: churches in the West at Mount Carmel BPC, Central at Zion Bishan BPC, East at Shalom BPC. The Chinese service will be centralised at Zion Serangoon ZPC. Our Easter Sunrise Service will be at MacRitchie Reservoir. More details in due time.

Finally, remember us in prayer as we convene our Annual Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, 20 September, to elect new office-holders, and listen to guest speaker Rev Lee Hann Yang of Evangel BPC on the topic: “Mandarin Ministry: Sunset or Sunrise?” Appropriately, the venue is the newly acquired worship place of our Chinese-speaking church, Mount Gerizim BPC, at Woodlands 11.

“We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.” Psalm 78:4 ESV

Pastor David Wong
General Secretary, BPCIS

WOZ Hanoi Fellowship Retreat 2025, 13 - 19 Aug: Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Sa Pa, Fansipan, Vietnam

by Alva Tseng

This trip was organized by WOZ and led by Pastor Lawrence Ong and his wife Linh, Chief Organiser cum Tour Leader. There were about 40 of us in all.



Apart from the celebration of faith, fellowship, food and fun, there were life lessons for us too!

Life Lesson Number 1 – God Answers Prayer

Nestled in a remote mountain village between Hanoi and Sa Pa, the nameless ‘Sa Pa’ Church became a hive of activity when we set to work in our various groups.

Reaching there required time and patience. After a six-hour bus ride from Hanoi to Sa Pa, we had to swop the comfort of the bus ride for a hair-raising or perhaps to some an exhilarating experience of riding pillion on motorbikes which understandably had to race up the long winding road. All this while, God kept us safe as the riders negotiated the bends skillfully.

Visiting this church was the highlight of the trip for many of us and we went prepared with medical supplies, art materials, food and offerings for the Hmong villagers. The adults were engaged with health screening and stretching exercises while the children sang and donned animal masks as they played their part in the storytelling of Noah’s Ark. They also painted with spare art materials mistakenly stashed away from the main box which did not arrive. Despite the language barrier, communicating with the villagers was made possible with a few but capable Vietnamese (including the Tour Leader’s two nephews) and Hmong interpreters.

God answers prayers and He did ours. He had blessed us with clement weather when rain had been forecast for the entire trip. He had provided and blessed us with the right people for the right job as we seemed to be in our element. It had been a fruitful interaction with the villagers despite hiccups. Not only were the villagers blessed with our visit, but we were also just as blessed, if not more so, with joy and a sense of purpose and fulfilment in serving them. All glory be to God!

Life Lesson Number 2 – God’s Soveriegnty and Protection

A spectacular display of God’s might rendered itself while we were sleeping on board the Aqua Elegance cruise ship at Ha Long Bay.

About two in the morning, there was a light and sound show, performed by none other than the Almighty Himself. Those who were awakened witnessed what Jesus’ disciples did when they were caught in a thunderstorm in a boat. The show – fearsome streaks of lightning across the dark sky and the menacing rumbling of thunder that followed, the choppy sea with one huge wave ferociously and incessantly chasing one after another and the finale: water seeping into a few rooms beneath closed floor-to-ceiling windows – brought some of us to our knees in fervent beseech of the Lord for mercy. How insignificant and helpless we were in a situation like this! There was absolutely nothing that we could do but to submit ourselves to the Lord and trust His sovereignty. However, when it was time for our boating activity later in the morning, God graciously blessed us with a sprinkle.



Exploring Sung Sot Cave at Ha Long Bay



Breathtaking view from the cable car to Fansipan



Only those who passed the NAPFA test



Thanksgiving and supplication

Thanks to the generosity, meticulous care and resourcefulness of the leaders, we were both physically and spiritually well fed, in fact, so physically well fed that some of us may have to hit the gym more often. Much encouragement and support for one another pervaded the trip. Many, including the driver, lent a helping hand to those, especially the less mobile, who needed one.

Steeped in powerful testimonies and impactful words of wisdom that all could resonate with during devotions and sharing sessions, this has been such an enriching journey. Comprised mainly of mature Christians, the group was an embodiment of faith. Our cups overflowed indeed.

As Vietnam celebrates 80 years of independence this year, it's difficult to imagine its turbulent past since all that greeted us were ubiquitous smiles, warmth, kindness, hospitality and economic progress.

May the Lord bless Vietnam and its beautiful people and land. And may the Lord strengthen our walk with Him after this trip.



Announcements

SENIORS360 Dim Sum Hour

How To Make Your Home Safe

13 Sep (Sat) 10.15am, Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Ms Eunice Tan. She will be sharing on the 5 + 7 Design Concepts that we can consider to make our home a safe place for seniors to live.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by **8 Sep**:

<http://rebrand.ly/s360sep25>

Peer Support Ministry

Self-Harm – What, Why and How to Help

27 Sep 2025 (Sat) 9am - 12pm
Chapel (L4)

Speaker: Mrs. Sim Nga Hoon

1 in 4 young people in Singapore have engaged in self-harm, often starting around age 14, according to a national study by IMH. Many hide it due to shame and stigma, making it hard for parents and caregivers to notice.

This talk will explore why self-harm happens, the warning signs to look out for, and how peers, parents, and caregivers can recognise and respond appropriately to support those affected.

Come join us if you know of someone who self-harms or you are concerned that your children may follow this increasingly common trend.

Sign up here by **21 Sep**:

<https://forms.gle/7QCi8CKZUybvZu5w7>

Indonesia Post Trip Sharing

14 Sep (Sun), 2pm at Audi, L4

In early August, a team of 9 (6 from our church) went to a region in Indonesia impacted by the tsunami in 2004. Hear from their experiences and what they learnt about creation care and economic livelihood programmes when they partnered with a local NGO over there.

Sign up by **12 Sep**:

<https://bit.ly/zbindosharing>

Antioch Summit

2 - 4 Oct, Bartley Christian Church

An annual missions mobilisation conference organised by Antioch21.

If you are seriously considering getting involved in cross-cultural missions, or just wanting to learn more about God's Mission, the Summit is the place to be.

Early bird registration ends on 31 Aug.

Sign up at

<https://antiochsummit2025.peatix.com/> today.