



**I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.**

Romans 12:1

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Doxology

[MORNING]

Worship in Songs: All Praise to Him; Ancient of Days; The Perfect Wisdom of our God

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:1-7 (ESV)

Message: Subject to Governing Authorities

[AFTERNOON]

Worship in Songs: All Praise to Him; Ancient of Days; O Great God

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:1-7 (ESV)

Message: Earthly Submission unto God

Response Hymn: This Kingdom

Holy Communion: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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:

Dr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Mr Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Justin Low

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

Worship Leader: Elder Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Khoo

Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 1

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
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>	on maternity
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

Subject to Governing Authorities

Romans 13:1-7

“Be subject to the governing authorities ...”

Why submit? (vv. 1b-5)

Authorities are appointed by God ... (vv 1b-4)

For the purpose of punishing the wrongdoer... (vv. 3-5)

How to submit? (vv. 6-7)

But what about ...?

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. According to Paul in Rom 13:1-7, what is the role of governing authorities? What happens in a society when there are no acknowledged authorities, or they don't function properly? What examples can you give?
2. Paul describes the “governing authorities” as “God’s servant” twice in these verses. In what senses can government be a servant of God?
3. Read Acts 16:35–40 and 23:1–3. How can Romans 13:1–7 regarding government be reconciled with Paul boldly telling authorities they are acting illegally or unjustly?
4. What does it mean for Christians today that, on the one hand, God has appointed rulers who are meant to govern under the rule of appropriate law and, on the other, that Jesus is already installed as the supreme Lord of heaven and earth?

Earthly Submission unto God

Romans 13:1-7

Brothers and sisters, let us submit to earthly authorities since...

1. God is the Ultimate Ruler who put them in place (13:1-2)

Even evil rulers: (1 Kgs. 12:15; Jer. 27:6; John 19:10)

2. God appointed them for our good, to carry out His wrath on wrong (13:3-7)

*Social order serves God's purposes to save many through Jesus
(1 Tim. 2:1-7)*

But what about bad earthly authorities? 3 reminders for God's people who...

1. Live under earthly affliction (8:31-35)
2. Await God's judgment for His people who overcome evil with good (12:14-21)
3. Follow God's Son – His earthly submission shapes ours (1:1-4)

Discussion Questions:

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from the Bible passage or message?
2. Do you see earthly authorities as "instituted by God" (13:1)? Why or why not?
3. What makes it hard for you to submit to earthly authorities – give an example. Why?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Children's Day – This week, we remember and celebrate the many children in Zion Bishan as blessings from God. We pray that as a spiritual family, Zion Bishan continues to grow in our roles of biological parents, spiritual parents & Christian role models. May the Lord help us disciple our children to love and obey our God. May we view and love our children the way our Heavenly Father sees them, a blessing, a joy and His own to love until the very end.

ZBK 30th Anniversary – Praise God for our Kindergarten turned Childcare Centre which celebrated it's 30th Anniversary yesterday with a Thanksgiving Service. Thank God for all the lives that the Lord has impacted through ZBK over the last three decades. Let's continue praying for Lord to grow this ministry from strength to strength as ZBK seeks to nurture every ZBK child to grow holistically and in favour with God and man!

Year End Exams & Tuition Ministry – Thank God for seeing our students through PSLE. Pray for the students from our church family and also in our tuition ministry, as they prepare

for their exams, especially those taking their N levels now. Pray that our tuition ministry students will be interested to attend our outreach activities to hear about the gospel.

Our World

Nepal – A major religious festival is occurring in this country in the next 2 weeks. As school will be out for a few days, many churches will also hold gatherings. Our youth camp team will be organizing a youth camp for our ministry partner here during those days. Pray for RL and JY from our church who will be leaving this Sunday with another sister to join JT (already there) to do this. Thank God for some growth in the hunger to trust and obey God among the leaders and the senior youth community at these centres. Another team of 3 men from our church also left last Thursday to visit a ministry partner in a remote region of Nepal to encourage the family as they work towards reaching their own village with the gospel. Pray for safe travel and good health for them.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	16	
English Service 8.30am	211	\$984.00
English Service 10.30am	579	
English Service 4.30pm	279	
Chinese Service livestream*	0	
Chinese Service 8.30am	75	\$1,006.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	78	\$477.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	76	\$1,132.00
Hokkien Service	58	\$586.00
Tamil Service	12	\$1,047.00
DHF	26	
TOTAL	1410	\$5,232.00

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer	\$64,800.74
Weekly Total	\$70,032.74

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$3,693.50
Weekly Total	\$3,693.50
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$5,936,385.98

Church Family News

1. Ps Alby is back from Sabbatical but will not be resuming most of his duties, other than pastoral visitations, due to reasons specified at the recent Townhall. This will continue until Mar 2026. For members who were not present and wish to know more, please approach your Shepherding Team.
2. Ps Dev is preaching at Shalom BPC today.
3. Congratulations to Zack & Phuong, on the birth of their second son, Oliver Lin, on 25 Sep 2025!

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, 10 Oct

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 11 Oct

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 12 Oct

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

Romans

12 Oct – Romans 13:8-14

Ps Dev Menon (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (4.30 pm)

19 Oct – Romans 14:1-12

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Vernon Quek (4.30 pm)

26 Oct – Romans 14:13- 15:7

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

2 Nov – Romans 15:8-13

Ps Dev Menon (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

7 Nov – Romans 16

Ps Danny Chua (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (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!

God in the Mess!

Do you notice that life tends towards mess? What was a nicely ironed shirt in the morning is often a crumpled mess by the end of the day.

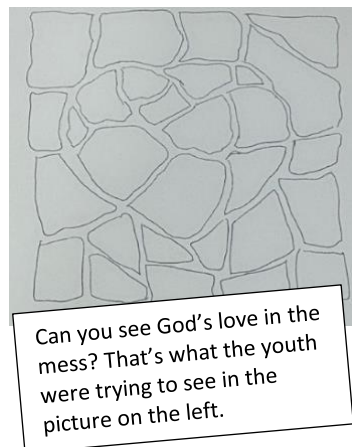
Where is God when life gets messy?

Sometimes it's hard to see Him and understand that He is there with you in the mess.

This was the teaching challenge that our church group of 2 faced recently, when they were in Nepal, serving the senior boys and girls in one of our partner's centres. The theme of their youth camp was "Love in the mess". On day 1 of the youth camp, they shared about how **sin** causes disorder and mess in our lives and the world we live in.

And it was so true, this South Asian country had seen violence and conflict in its capital city just days before the team had to fly. Yet through the mess, God enabled peace to come back and flights to resume and the weather to be good enough to fly so that the team could travel to this small town to share God's love to the youth in this centre. God's love through the mess of the recent political conflict was evident!

On day 2, through songs, object lessons (see picture below) and times of discovery in the Word of God, they were able to bring across the main point of seeing "God's Love in the mess".



How about for you personally? Life, at work, at school and even in church, is often messy, unpredictable, DIFFICULT. And SIN in this world is a big reason why this is so. However, through acknowledging our sin in sorrow and firmly trusting in Jesus, God shows us His LOVE in our mess. Jesus came to us to love us and take the penalty of our sins. In doing so, He made the way back to our heavenly Father.

Last week, a group of 3 brothers, left for Nepal to encourage a fellow brother and his family to keep reaching out to his own people who have yet to know Jesus. “...How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news”- Romans 10:15b



Church, may we all have the boldness to live LIFE, trusting fully in the goodness of our loving Saviour and heavenly Father to guide and journey with us all the way to the end.

Announcements

Zion Bishan 31st Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Ordination Service of Brother Danny Chua

We are remembering 31 years of God's goodness and faithfulness to us at Zion Bishan and inviting all to witness the ordination of our Brother Danny Chua.

The thanksgiving and ordination service will start at **4.30pm on 25 Oct (Sat)**.

Due to ongoing A&A works, there will be **no dinner on-site**, but you can register for a dinner bento that you can dabao after the service. We highly encourage you to gather in homes and in your AGs to enjoy this bento together!

Each dinner bento costs \$5.

Register by TODAY:
tinyurl.com/zb31as

SENIORS360 Dim Sum Hour: Support Schemes for Seniors

11 Oct (Sat) 10.15am
Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Silver Generation Office. Get to understand the various support schemes for seniors and ways to connect them to relevant care services and resources. Explore opportunities in building relationships with seniors.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by **6 Oct:**
<http://rebrand.ly/s360oct25>

ZBCS in Urgent Need of Drivers

We need drivers to drive our church van to pick up elderlies to attend Chinese services and to bring them back. Class 3 driving licences will suffice.

If you have a passion for elderlies and would like to help them come for church services, please contact **Ps Lim Jit Thye at 9182 6957**.