



**WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS
WELCOMED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**

ROMANS 15:7

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Doxology

Worship in Songs:

AM: Come Praise and Glorify; There is One Gospel; Here We Stand

PM: There is One Gospel; Judge of the Secrets; The Servant King

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:13 - 15:7 (ESV)

Message: What Makes for Peace and Mutual Upbuilding

Response Hymn: Oh How Good It Is

Missions 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

Speaker: Dr Quek Tze-Ming

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Judah Koh

Worship Leader: Dn Lim Nan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Tim Ong

Worship Leader: Dn Sam Ong

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Judah Koh

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	alby
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	dev
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	jtlm
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor	daniel
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
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	on maternity
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

What Makes for Peace and Mutual Upbuilding

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

Romans 14:13-15:7

“Disputable Matters”

Black and White Advice for Grey Areas (14.13-23)

Don’t put a stumbling block (v.13)

Nothing is unclean (v.14)

Don’t destroy the one for whom Christ died (v.15b)

What’s the Kingdom really about (vv. 17-18)

19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Don’t destroy the work of God (v.20a)

Everything is indeed clean (v.20b)

It’s wrong to make another stumble (v.20c-21)

We have an Obligation (15.1-7)

Who are those who are *really* “strong”?

(again) the pattern of church life is Jesus ...

15.7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Recap: What is going on among the Christians in Rome, so that what one is eating or not eating is so contentious?
2. Paul says in verse 14 that nothing is unclean in itself, but how does he say something can become “unclean” (vv. 13–23)?
3. From this passage, what are some principles that should guide Christians’ behaviour in disputable matters? Does your answer change when you are around “one who is weak in faith”?
4. Which of your own practices might distress or destroy another brother or sister in Christ?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ZB 31st Anniversary

1. Thank God for leading Zion Bishan through 31 years as a church family! Praise God for the many members and visitors who came for the thanksgiving service yesterday, bringing together our family in a time of worship in different languages.
2. We also thank God for calling Ps Danny into pastoral ministry, as he was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel during the service.
3. Pray for our church in the coming season ahead, as Ps Zhiwen and Ps Paul shared yesterday, that this would be a time for Zion Bishan to "be still and know that the LORD is God" (Ps 46:10).

A&A Building Project – We thank God for the progress thus far, please pray for:

1. Permits for demolition & structural work to be obtained soon.
2. Safety of workers & users on site.
3. A favourable response to our application for deferment of Land Betterment Charge (known previously as development charge for additional GFA).
4. Salvation of all involved in the project – for prepared hearts and opportunities to engage in meaningful gospel conversions with different ones.

Our Denomination

Our sister church, Mount Carmel BP, thanks God for calling and equipping 2 new elders, Eld David Chua and Eld Tim Liu, who were ordained today. Pray that God will continue to nurture their walk with Him, protect their families and grant wisdom and discernment as they shepherd the flock.

Our World

Lebanon – We thank God for our partner in Beirut, where their church, in the city centre, is a warm community centre space for various children, youth and adult activities. Life Kitchen was always a space to welcome refugees and host conferences. It became a place in July 2025, where every meal served directly supports the church's outreach ministries. This has been a bit of a rocky road but they are trusting God to continue to provide. Their other centre in the Beqaa valley has also recently hosted a session where women and their husbands could come to have warm dinner fellowship and conversation about faith. Thank God they reported "it was a warm, fruitful time, full of connection and openness."

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	17	
English Service 8.30am	208	\$444.40
English Service 10.30am	503	
English Service 4.30pm	238	
Chinese Service livestream*	9	
Chinese Service 8.30am	85	\$881.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	78	\$461.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	77	\$1,881.00
Hokkien Service	57	\$832.00
Tamil Service	18	\$323.00
DHF	34	
TOTAL	1324	\$4,822.40

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer	\$70,018.72
Weekly Total	\$74,841.12

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,288.00
Weekly Total	\$4,288.00
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$5,948,141.98

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, 31 Oct

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 1 Nov

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 2 Nov

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

Romans

2 Nov – Romans 15:8-33

Ps Dev Menon (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

9 Nov – Romans 16

Ps Danny Chua (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (4.30 pm)

16 Nov – Romans 12-16 Review

Ps Vernon Quek

23 Nov – Romans Reflections

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!

2025/26 Mid-Year Financial Review

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank God for another year of abundant provisions for His church and the ministries in Bishan!

For the first 6 months of this financial year 25/26, our **total collection is \$2,231,748**, comprising \$2,036,975 (offering) and \$182,604 (other income). An increase of \$183,326 from same period last year.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	Mar-Aug 2023	Mar-Aug 2024	Mar-Aug 2025
INCOME			
Offering	\$1,890,668	\$1,921,496	\$2,036,975
Govt Grants	\$0	\$4,043	\$12,169
Other Income	\$91,550	\$122,883	\$182,604
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,982,218	\$2,048,422	\$2,231,748
TOTAL OPERATING EXP	\$1,649,965	\$1,710,215	\$1,995,164
TOTAL CAPITAL EXP	\$16,327	\$9,298	\$11,117
TOTAL OP EXP + CAPEX	\$1,666,292	\$1,719,515	\$2,006,281
CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$315,926	\$328,907	\$225,467

The first 6 months **total expenditure at \$2,006,281** was \$286,766 higher than the corresponding 6 months in FY24/25.

This increase is consistent with the decision taken to include the apprentices under the church payroll from this FY. The Personnel Related expenditure recorded a corresponding increase of \$297,748.

Expenditures	FY24/25 Mar-Aug (Actual)	FY25/26 Budget (A)	FY25/26 Budget (6-mth) Mar-Aug	FY25/26 Mar-Aug (Actual) (B)	Run Rate (B/A)
Personnel Related	\$933,680	\$2,760,268	\$1,380,134	\$1,231,428	45%
Admin-Office	\$91,448	\$247,320	\$123,600	\$115,833	47%
Admin-Ministry	\$52,069	\$86,990	\$43,495	\$54,977	63%
Bldg Maintenance	\$133,214	\$308,300	\$154,150	\$90,351	29%
Worship	\$52,616	\$167,450	\$83,725	\$50,762	30%
Ministry Work	\$31,735	\$150,182	\$75,091	\$35,583	24%
Theological Edu	\$41,145	\$34,000	\$17,000	\$11,800	35%
Welfare	\$2,400	\$2,300	\$1,150	\$0	0%
Home Mission	\$70,002	\$266,871	\$133,436	\$96,373	36%
Foreign Mission	\$253,199	\$643,933	\$321,967	\$298,857	46%
Rent SLA	\$19,148	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Total Operating Exp	\$1,680,656	\$4,667,614	\$2,333,807	\$1,985,964	43%
Add Capital Exp	\$9,298	\$79,800	\$39,900	\$11,117	14%
Contingent Provision	\$29,561	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$9,200	6%
Net Cash Outflow	\$1,719,515	\$4,897,414	\$2,488,707	\$2,006,281	41%

With the higher expenditure that is not matched by the same magnitude in receipts, the cash surplus was lower than the same period last year by \$225,467.

The church has approved a budget of \$4,897,414 for FY25/26. We have so far spent 41% of the budget in the first 6 months of FY25/26. Most of the budget expenditures will be used in the second half of the year, including planned building-related repairs e.g. roof leakages, and replacements of air-conditioners, etc.

To meet our full-year budget, we need to have a total collection of \$2,665,666 during the second half of the year, which amounts to approximately \$107,627 per week.

We continue to seek the Lord's leading for the work planned for second half of FY25/26, and providing us the finances to meet our budget for the year.

Currently, we have a communicant membership of 1,675.

Our Church office currently has 30 pastoral, ministry and admin staff and 9 apprentices. The Living Room has 2 full-time and 4 part-time staff. Let us continue to remember these laborers in prayer, and serve in partnership with them.

The GPF balance stands at \$5,797,506 as of 31 Aug 2025, including the collection of \$613,182 and interest income of \$189,260. We will continue to invest the funds in short term government bonds while maintaining adequate balance for the progressive payment for the church Additions and Alterations (A&A) Building Project.

Let us continue to pray for smooth execution of this A&A Building Project, even as we commence the fresh 30-year land lease to extend His kingdom in Bishan and beyond.

Please email any questions or comments that you may have to:
judyso@zionbishan.org.sg

Report by: **The Session of Zion Bishan BP Church**

Blessed 31st Anniversary Zion Bishan!

Yesterday (Saturday 25th October), we celebrated 31 years of Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church. While we had the Thanksgiving Service yesterday, did you know that Zion Bishan isn't quite 31 years old yet? Do you know the exact date Zion Bishan was founded – the day marked by our very first Service at 4 Bishan Street 13¹? [see answer in the footnote below]

The answer to that question also happens to be inscribed on the Dedication Stone at the entrance of our main sanctuary. That same stone reminds us of that great truth in Deuteronomy 32:3-4. It says:

‘Ascribe... greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect.’

What a wonderful thing to remember on our 31st anniversary – to ascribe greatness...all that has happened in and through us these years to our Great God. Indeed He has been our Rock, and all that has happened in the last 31 years is His work, not our's.

The Dedication Stone goes on to remind us what our building (and by extension Zion Bishan as a whole) exists for...

‘This building was dedicated...for the maintenance of a true and faithful witness of the Lord in these days of apostasy and for the proclamation and demonstration of God's love to all the residents at Bishan and beyond.’

Yesterday was a significant time of not just looking back to how the Lord has led and grown us for the above, but also a time of looking forward to the future – to God continuing and perfecting His perfect work. This was especially true as we ordained Danny Chua, prayerfully dedicating him to a lifetime of serving our Lord Jesus as a Minister of the Gospel.

¹ Zion Bishan officially began on Saturday 29th October, 1994

We stand at the start of the next 30 years of the Zion Bishan story. What will the Lord do in and through us these next few decades? We might not know exactly what lies ahead, but we do know this:

For the LORD is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.
(Psalm 100:5)

Whatever the Lord has in store for us in the coming years, we stand not on what will be achieved through us, but on the Lord's steadfast and enduring love and faithfulness to us. To all generations of Zion Bishan – past, present and future.

Please join me in prayer for Zion Bishan this anniversary week: that we as a church family will always remain faithful to our God's love for us in His Son Jesus – in this and every generation to come!

Announcements

Stand with the MENA Church

Interserve Open-Doors Prayer Meeting

2 Nov (Sun) 1.30 - 3.30pm at Audi 1&2

Come and hear from a church leader from the Middle East and partner in much needed prayer.

Sign up by **31 Oct**:

<https://forms.gle/bwMv9ufhD57L6Ddc8>

Hi-Story Page Sharing

**9 Nov (Sun) 1pm or 2.30pm
at Living Room Cafe**

Connect, learn, and explore how this social enterprise serves communities and advances Kingdom work.

Sign up by **7 Nov**:

<https://forms.gle/zyheb7xcAPGwpy8j8>

A&A Building Project: Car Park Closure

Please note that the car park will be **closed daily from 9am to 5pm** from Monday to Friday to facilitate the erection of scaffold and hoarding along the side next to BHID in preparation for work on Level 5.

No parking in church throughout this period as limited parking lots are reserved for church and ZBK staff.

Please utilize public car parks if you are visiting church during the weekdays.
Thank you.

Ministry Behind the Money

We warmly invite all members to join us for an important session where we will share and discuss the church's proposed finances and mission work.

Date: 16 Nov 2025

Venue: Chapel, Level 4

Time: 1:15 – 3:00pm

The session will cover the **Proposed Budget for FY26/27**, updates on **Personnel Budget**, and our ongoing **Foreign Missions**.

This is a valuable opportunity to gain a clearer understanding of how our resources are being stewarded for God's work. Your presence and participation are deeply appreciated.

Seniors Retreat

(English Language)

7 - 10 Mar 2026, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Theme: An Effectual Doer of God's Word
(James 1:22-25)

Speaker: Rev Dr Tan Soo-Inn

Sign up here:

<http://rebrand.ly/SRMar26>

Zion Bishan Church Camp 2026

Save the dates and come for next year's ZB Church Camp, which will be held on

12 - 15 June 2026 (Friday to Monday)
at Four Points by Sheraton Desaru (Malaysia)!

Early-bird registration is open from **2 Nov until 31 Dec 2025!**