



1 Samuel 2:10

**THE LORD WILL JUDGE THE ENDS OF THE EARTH;
HE WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO HIS KING AND
EXALT THE HORN OF HIS ANOINTED.**

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Doxology

Worship in Songs: Jesus Shall Reign; I Am Not My Own; Ancient of Days

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 16:1-13 (ESV)

Message: Samuel Overview: Who will be King?

Response Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

Holy Communion: Behold the Lamb

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: Ps Danny Chua

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Justin Low

Worship Leader: Eld Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Mervyn Phan

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Khoo-Lee

Worship Leader: Dn Kemp Aw

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 1

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	<i>dev</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Mandarin)	<i>paul</i>
Rev Chris Rajendran, Pastor (Tamil)	<i>christopher</i>
Rev Danny Chua, Pastor	<i>danny</i>
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Ms Elizabeth Hira, Children's Ministry/DHF	<i>hira</i>
Mrs Sha.ron Quek, Overseas Ministries	<i>sharon</i>
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, Ministry Staff	<i>tzeming</i>
Mrs Jacqueline Ong, Youth Ministry	<i>Jacqueline</i>
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Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	<i>joel</i>
Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education	<i>timothy</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

Confidential Care & Counselling:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Samuel Overview: Who will be King?

Ps Danny Chua

1 Samuel 2:1-10; 16:1-13

Backstory – Spiritual Emptiness in the time of the Judges

- *“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”*
(Judges 17:6; 21:25)
- *“And the word of the LORD was rare in those days...”*
(1 Sam 3:1b)

Hannah – King on her Heart

- A barren woman? (1:1-8)
- A prophetic prayer song? (2:1-10)

Samuel – Heart of a King

- The prophet before the kings
- The God-appointed leader of God’s people – a man of His word (3:19-21)

Saul – Heartbreak King

- The king the rebellious people deserve (8:19-22)
- Tall, stark... & hesitant? (9:1-2; 17-27)

David – King of His Heart

- Small, dark... & handsome? (16:1-13)
- But the LORD looks on the heart? (16:7)
- “A man after God’s own heart”? (13:14)

Looking Ahead... “We need a king... But who will be king?”

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you remember from the message or Bible passages?
2. When was the last time you read the book of Samuel? Is there something you can remember from that reading?
3. What do you understand about the idea that “God is king over us, His people”? How does this look like today?
4. How does the idea of God as king affect the Christian life today?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Hokkien Service Anniversary

-- We thank God for His faithful leading of the Hokkien Service through the years, guiding us in worship, nurturing us in discipleship, and sending us out in loving outreach. We praise Him for sustaining this service as a spiritual home where His Word is honored and His name is glorified. We pray especially for the many seniors who attend regularly, asking that they may grow as true disciples of Christ, rooted in faith, filled with joy, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. May their lives become living testimonies of God's grace and faithfulness, encouraging their families, friends, and the wider community to know and follow Jesus.

English as Second Language (ESL)

-- Thank God for this ministry through which many ladies can be a light for Christ to other ladies beyond our church walls. Pray for His Spirit's power to renew and strengthen them in their respective roles, giving them joy and purpose in this new year. Amidst the challenges each of them may face, pray that they will be able to rest in the Lord and rely on Him only.

Our Denomination

Emmanuel BP – We thank God for a smooth ECM last Sunday at our sister church, where the new budget was passed and Ps David Leong was elected for a 2nd term - both with 100% of the votes!

Our World

Lebanon – Pray for the plight of Syrian refugees in Lebanon, they cannot work because they are illegal, and many cannot return to Syria where their minority faith would be persecuted. Hence, many cannot afford food, medicine and rent. Pray for the ministry of our partner who is reaching out to these communities to give short term relief help. Pray for the provision of financial resources as well as boldness of spirit for their staff who go regularly to various cities in Lebanon to share Christ and see communities of Jesus followers established.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	17	
English Service 8.30am	214	\$1,333.60
English Service 10.30am	578	
English Service 4.30pm	274	
Chinese Service livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8.30am	82	\$1,067.30
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	75	\$409.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	54	\$1,055.00
Hokkien Service	59	\$1,124.00
Tamil Service	15	\$820.00
DHF	23	
TOTAL	1399	\$5,808.90

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$63,269.06
Weekly Total	\$69,077.96

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,028.50
Weekly Total	\$4,028.50
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$6,039,470.69

Church Family News

Our deepest condolences to the following:

1. Mrs Fong-Tan Sim Wah on the Homegoing of her husband, the late Mr Robert Fong Siew Chong, aged 92, on 26 Jan 2026.
2. Mr Gary Lee on the Homegoing of his brother-in-law and a former Zion church staff, the late Mr Lee Sin Siong, aged 65, on 26 Jan 2026.

Please uphold the bereaved families in prayer.

A&A Building Project

Please note that Level 2 is closed for access today at all services, kindly use the staircases to access upper sanctuary and toilets on the ground floor.

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, 6 Feb

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 7 Feb

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 8 Feb

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

1 Samuel Series

8 Feb – A Barren People

(1 Sam 1:1-20)

Ps Vernon Quek

15 Feb – Hannah's Prayer

(1 Sam 1:21 – 2:11)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Danny Chua (4.30pm)

22 Feb – Eli: A Corrupt Priesthood

(1 Sam 2:12 – 36)

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

1 Mar – Samuel: A Renewed Priesthood

(1 Sam 3:1 – 4:1)

Ps Dev Menon (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

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!

The Book of Samuel: What Kind of King?

2000-ish years ago, a well-known man was thought to have said these powerful words, “No man will be a good king who has not first been a good servant.” Profound as they are, these words did not stop Seneca, Roman philosopher and key advisor to the tyrant Nero from being sentenced to death by the same Emperor.

For as long as there have been kings, humanity has always longed for a good king, hopefully a servant-kind-of king. Our journey into the series of 1 Samuel this year will join us up in that search for a good king, a servant king that is the one on the LORD’s heart.

Yet, strangely enough, the book of Samuel (collectively, 1 and 2 Samuel) begins in the days of the judges, without any human king ruling over God’s people. We hear this painful narration twice in the book of Judges about the current situation: “In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 17:6; 21:25)

Without a king, God’s people drowned in the anarchy of their own sins. Without a good king, God’s people ran havoc in the wickedness of their own eyes.

Yet, as the book of Samuel unfolds... We hear the people of Israel cry out for a king to rule over them: “... appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations... and go out before us and fight our battles” (1 Sam. 8:5, 20). Hang on... Was this a sincere, legitimate request? Did God’s people desire a good, servant king to lead them in God’s ways?

Sadly, the LORD makes it clear, "... they have not rejected you (Samuel), but they have rejected me from being king over them..." (1 Sam. 8:7).

So then, will the LORD rule and reign over His people as king again? Will there be a king who does what is right in the LORD's eyes? Who will be the good, servant-like king that God's people need?

Well, I am looking forward to examining these questions together in the colorful wonders of the Samuel narrative this year! There will not be straightforward answers, as we wrestle with the likes of Hannah the unknown woman, or Samuel the prophet, or King Saul, or Jonathan the heir apparent, or David the unlikely underdog.

But I trust it will be a year of understanding the LORD's rule and reign over us His beloved church. May it be a year of discovering the kind and beautiful rule of King Jesus. I pray it will be a year of finding refuge and restful safety under His shelter, of rejoicing that our Lord is King.

Announcements

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting

1 March (Sun) 1pm

For approval of budget FY26/27

Please fill in the proxy form if you are unable to attend. Printed forms available at the sanctuary entrance at the end of each service from next Sunday (8 Feb).

For communicant members only.

English as Second Language (ESL)

Beginning **23 Feb**, Conversational English classes are held every **Monday 10am to 12pm**, except school holidays and public holidays, at **L4 Chapel**.

Register for classes in 2026 on 23/2 only from **10.45am to 12noon**.

There will be a non-refundable admin fee of \$10, and textbook at \$52 (subject to change) for 2 years usage (Limited places available).

For enquiries, please contact **Cynthia Ng** at **9857 7696**

Heartlands Bible Discovery

Thurs Evenings, 7.30-9.00pm

Heartlands is a Christian Discipleship Community that seeks to draw more people into God's Kingdom through making the Christian life - worship, fellowship and reading the Bible - available and more accessible to others.

Sign up at bit.ly/HeartlandsZB or contact **Tim Ong** (timothy@zionbishan.org.sg) for more info.

Samuel Sermon Series Booklets

We begin a new sermon series in the book of Samuel! Printed booklets of Samuel will be available with space for note-taking to help us follow along the series. You may pick up a copy at the registration table before service, and Paynow/Paylah to 92394160 –

A5 booklets (\$2.40 each)

A4 booklets (\$4.80 each)

Creative Ministries Story Telling Series

HIS STORY IS OUR STORY TO TELL

21 Feb, 9.30am - 12pm

How to develop your story for gospel work
Sharing from a missionary who does storytelling in the nations.

THIS IS MY STORY

28 Feb, 9.30am - 12pm

Why our stories matter - and why we must learn how to tell our testimonies to reach all generations. Sharing from Ps Edric Sng, founder and editor of the Thirst Collective.

Sign-up:

<https://forms.gle/U5AfhSMvQ92umJ239>

Please contact **Dn John (90376038)** for more info.

HOPE Explored Gospel Series

19 Apr – 3 May, Sunday, 10.30am

@Mandarin-English Service

A time for interactive sharing and exploring life and faith. A safe place to listen, think, ask questions and share.

Please register at

<https://forms.gle/Sd8RhgCZuhBvPj5x8>