



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

AM: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; Jesus, Strong and Kind;
You Alone Can Rescue

PM: The Lord is My Salvation; Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me;
O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-20 (ESV)

Message: The Barren Beginning

Response Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past

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 Vernon Quek

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Lim Nan

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 2

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 2

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang

Worship Leader: Dn Kemp Aw

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 2

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 (Mandarin)</i>	9751 1897
Rev Chris Rajendran, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	9446 7416
Rev Danny Chua, <i>Pastor</i>	9239 4160
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Ms Elizabeth Hira, <i>Children's Min/DHF</i>	9239 0680
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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:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

The Barren Beginning

1 Samuel 1:1 - 20

Intro: Helpless

Scene #1: Hannah's Heartbreaking Situation – Barren & Helpless (v1-8)

Barren Women so far in the OT:

*Sarah (Gen 16), Rebekah (Gen 25), *Rachel (Gen 29)

**Wife of Manoah (Judges 13)

Scene #2: Helpless Hannah Healthily asks for Help (v9-18)

Scene #3: Hannah's Help (v19-20)

‘...and the LORD remembered her’

‘...and she called his name Samuel’

Conclusion: Applying Samuel (and the OT)

Personally: Are you healthily helpless?

Marker #1: A healthy awareness of our helplessness

Marker #2: Healthily knowing Who to ask for help from

Applying Samuel (and the OT) in light of God's Big Picture:

So what does this have to do with Kingship?

Answer: Healthy Helplessness Required!

All so we are made 'wise for salvation through faith in Christ (King) Jesus'! (2 Tim 3:15)

Another barren woman: Elizabeth (Luke 1)

...which leads us to an even greater miraculous Birth!

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What was your big takeaway from 1 Samuel 1:1-20?
2. In what ways have you been encouraged to be Healthily Helpless? Think specifically of the two markers we see in Hannah – which one do you need more of in your life?
3. Why does the book of Samuel begin in this way? Why do we need this as a foundation for reading the rest of this book about God and His King?
4. How exactly are we made wise for salvation in King Jesus through this passage?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ZB Chinese Services 35th

Anniversary - Thank God for leading our Chinese services for the past 35 years, starting from 1991 as a Cantonese Service at Ling Kwang Home. From there, the Chinese services has grown to 4 services today comprising of Cantonese-Mandarin (10.45am), Mandarin (8.30am), Mandarin-English (10.30am) and Hokkien (9am). May God continues to lead our Chinese Services to grow his disciples and reach out to the Chinese speaking communities in our neighbourhood and beyond.

Domestic Helpers' Fellowship (DHF)

– Pray for our DHF sisters that they will grow in love for Christ and find their identity, comfort, and strength in the Lord, especially as they live and work far from home. May God strengthen them emotionally and spiritually. We lift up also the leaders and staff who serve in this ministry. May God give them wisdom, compassion and renew their love for Christ as they care for others. May this ministry continue to point people to Christ.

Our Denomination

Emmanuel BP – Pray for the newly formed preaching team, as they preach through the first part of the book of Isaiah starting today. We thank God for the two cell groups that have started as well. May more come to visit and support the church growth!

Our World

Philippines – We thank God for the ministry of a former mission partner, Student Missionary Outreach (SMO) in the Philippines as they reach out faithfully to many students in High Schools and Colleges in various parts of the country. They conduct regular Bible studies in these campuses and also have a structured leadership training programme as well as Bible Training Institute for students who have interest in serving in gospel ministry. This week, Brother Fred, from this ministry was in Singapore for a missions conference and we are grateful for the time to reconnect in person and have fellowship with him. SMO has also received many youth teams from ZB in the past. May God continue to provide for the needs of this ministry, especially for the construction of a large meeting hall at their campus, the Promised Land, in Bacolod City.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	13	
English Service 8.30am	223	\$938.00
English Service 10.30am	495	
English Service 4.30pm	300	
Chinese Service livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8.30am	93	\$2,253.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	80	\$622.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	59	\$955.00
Hokkien Service	65	\$1,012.00
Tamil Service	16	\$1,374.75
DHF	23	
TOTAL	1375	\$7,154.75

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$67,945.89
Weekly Total	\$75,100.64

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Gift No: 0023	\$1,500.00
Electronic Transfer	\$3,509.50
Weekly Total	\$5,009.50
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$6,044,920.19

Church Family News

Our deepest condolences to Dn Lim Nan, Christy and family on the Homegoing of his mother, the late Mdm Lim Siew Geck, aged 88, on 3 February 2026. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.

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, 13 Feb

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 14 Feb

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 15 Feb

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

1 Samuel Series

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)

8 Mar – Samuel: The Ark of the Lord

(1 Sam 5:1 – 7:2a)

Ps Alby Yip (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!

Our Music and Public Announcement (PA) Ministries

Getting Real about Getting Rest

Ever since we announced that this year was the Year of Rest, we have been encouraging our leaders and our ministries to consider how to put this into practice.

I'd like to tell you about the Music and PA ministries. They are crucial for keeping our worship services and many other activities going.

Did you know that we have eight music teams? Four for the morning services and four for the afternoon service. They are rostered across the four weeks of the month, and we'd put together a volunteer team for fifth Sunday worship services, as well as for special services (e.g. Good Friday, Christmas, Watch Night, Anniversary, etc.).

Our PA ministries assign volunteers every week to support the music team rehearsals and ensure that the sound and projection work during our worship services.

They are usually the first to come, and among the last to leave the service.

You can see why a Year of Rest would be so helpful for them.

This year, the Music and PA ministries will make some tweaks to reset, refresh and restore a healthy rhythm of ministry:

For 1 week of each month (starting on 15 Feb), the worship in song segment of the service will be carried by a simplified team, comprising one song leader and one musician. They will mainly be drawn from former ministry members.

This will be a fresh experience for some of us, but speaking from personal experience, I trust that we will find that it's still possible to worship the Lord meaningfully.

Under this arrangement, the PA team will not need to support rehearsals and will only need to do a simple set-up on Sundays.

With the time saved, the Music and PA ministry will attend to the following:

Relationship building within and between ministries;

Spend time worshipping the Lord together and explore fresh approaches to congregational worship in song;

Learn together about serving from a posture of rest;

Train new ministry members; and

Tidy the sanctuary space for our equipment and wiring.

I'm glad that they have undertaken this initiative to seek a deeper experience of God's rest.

Let's encourage them and take a moment to appreciate a Music or PA ministry volunteer near you.

Meanwhile, how are **you** doing in this Year of Rest?

#GetRest

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.

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 - 12pm**.

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.

Men Ministry

Ps. 1: 1–3: “...*The righteous person prospers because they are rooted in God.*”

Godliness is cultivated through spiritual discipline, obedience, and deep fellowship with God.

All men of Zion, please register & join us:

<https://tinyurl.com/MMEG2024april>

Anchored in Relationship with the Father

Speaker: Ps Ng Zhiwen

Date: 28 Feb, Saturday

Venue: MPH, Level 1

Time: 8.00am – 9.30am

Breakfast Fellowship @ 7.30am

Mission Community Lunch & Sharing

22 Feb, 12.15pm

Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

E & Y will be sharing about their plans to move in March, even as they continue to wait upon the Lord.

Come hear from them so that we as their church family can know how to support in prayer.

Kindly RSVP at <https://bit.ly/eyzsharing> by **19 Feb.**