

**Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings
and sacrifices as much as in
obeying the LORD?**

1 Sam 15:22a



ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Doxology

Worship in Songs:

AM: Rejoice the Lord is King; Have You Heard about Jesus;
You Alone Can Rescue

PM: God Is For Us; Behold Our God; You Alone Can Rescue

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 11:1-15 (ESV)

Message: The King and the Snake

Response Hymn: O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

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

Speaker: Ps Dev Menon

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn John Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Mervyn Phan

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Melvin Soo

Worship Leader: Dn Kemp Aw

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 (1030)	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor (430)	<i>dev</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng)	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor (1030)	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor (830)	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Mandarin)	<i>paul</i>
Rev Chris Rajendran, Pastor (Tamil)	<i>christopher</i>
Rev Danny Chua, Pastor (430)	<i>danny</i>
Preacher Choo Han Boo (Hokkien)	<i>hanboo</i>
Ms Elizabeth Hira, Children's Ministry/DHF	<i>hira</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

The King and the Snake

1 Samuel 11:1-15

Big Idea: *No man can save God's people - only the LORD can, through His anointed King.*

Introduction: Can this man save us?

1. The Enemy Strikes (vv. 1–5)

2. God's Spirit Moves (vv. 6–11)

3. The King Responds (vv. 12–13)

4. Reproach Rolled Away (vv. 14–15)

Conclusion: The Work of the King

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you remember about the passage or the sermon?
2. The worthless men asked "How can this man save us?". What does this chapter teach us about the necessary qualifications or character of Israel's king?
3. What does this passage tell us about the right ordering of God and leadership? How does this apply to how we lead (or follow) in our own contexts?
4. What work does God's king do? What work has King Jesus done in your life?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Heartlands Bible Discovery –

Thank God for one year of this ministry's running, where its main goal is to enable more to come into relationship with God through bible stories, worship and praying together in community. Thank God for our volunteers and for the different ones we have able to bless, as well as the many lessons learnt this past year. Pray that we will continue looking to God, seeking His wisdom and entrust the next steps and plans of this ministry to Him.

Youth Ministry - Thank God for the journey through John's Gospel this year for our Youth Fellowship as our staff team continues to give monthly talks from the Word. Just as they have heard from John 3 yesterday, may the Lord bring new life to those who have yet to trust the words of Christ. Pray also for our Youth Discipleship groups - as some of them walk through God's salvation story in the Old Testament this year. May our Father sustain each YD Leader and encourage them in this ministry!

Our World

India – Pray for the tea shop business that our ministry partner has started here to sustain the workers in the ministry. Due to the fuel crisis, their tea shop has not been able to sell hot drinks, since 9 April. This greatly affects their business sustainability. Pray that God will help them find a way through this and not to be discouraged. They live in one of the most populated and difficult regions for the gospel.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- In the past month and over Holy Week, violence against majority-Christian communities has spiked (OpenDoors). More than 80 brothers and sisters have been killed, and an estimated 600 kidnapped by extremist forces. More than 31,000 have been displaced from homes because of the violence. Pray for wisdom for authorities to take effective and courageous measures to ensure the safety of the population. Pray for comfort for the bereaved and kidnapped, encouragement for the displaced, and for the Lord to meet their needs in different ways.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	16	
English Service 8.30am	216	\$392.00
English Service 10.30am	540	
English Service 4.30pm	262	
Chinese Service livestream*	9	
Chinese Service 8.30am	91	\$899.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	81	\$1,264.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	58	\$1,117.00
Hokkien Service	59	\$997.00
Tamil Service	12	\$325.00
DHF	22	
TOTAL	1366	\$4,994.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$57,168.84

Weekly Total \$62,162.84

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2026/27: \$91,095

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer \$4,396.50

Weekly Total \$4,396.50

Total expenses as of To-date **-\$1,302,123.43**

Total Gift Received To-Date **\$4,838,088.08**

Church Family News

1. Ps Vernon is on Paternity Leave from 7 Apr – 4 May.
2. Congratulations to Lence & Natalie on the birth of their 2nd child, Gabriel Teh Jun Xiang, born on 20 Apr 2026!

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, 1 May

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 2 May

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 3 May

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

1 Samuel Series

3 May – Samuel’s Farewell

(1 Sam 12)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (AM)

Ps Danny Chua (PM)

10 May -- Saul's Disobedience

(1 Sam 13)

Dr Quek Tze-Ming (AM)

Ps Vernon Quek (PM)

17 May -- Jonathan Delivers Israel

(1 Sam 14)

Ps Dev Menon (AM)

Ps Danny Chua (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!

“Is God still at Work?”

Can God work good even through the sinful choices of His people?

In 1 Samuel 8, ancient Israel asks for a king "like all the nations." This is an outright rejection of the LORD, as we've heard in the last few weeks. Israel is telling God: we don't want You ruling over us anymore, we want what everyone out there has.

But here's what surprises us: God tells Samuel to give them what they want! Israel gets their king. And that — that granting of the request — is itself the judgment.

Which raises an uncomfortable question: if God hands His people over to their sinful desires, is He still at work?

If God's children today choose to disobey the voice of their Father and clearly choose destruction, are God's purposes for them derailed?

To be clear, sin is never a good thing! Sin is never necessary to make God's plans work, of course. But God is so sovereign and the only wise One, that even our wayward choices don't put His purposes on hold in any way.

He works through them without ever endorsing them. Sometimes, being handed over to what we want is exactly how God exposes how empty those things really are — these false "kings" that promise security, but only ever take and take.

Even with Israel's demand for a worldly king... Doesn't that become the very context in which God's rescue unfolds? Doesn't Saul slowly pave a path for David, and a long time later, for a Better Son of David? Even when His very own cry out "crucify Him!", doesn't the Lord use the killing of His Son to bring life for those who trust Him?

Let us ponder God's warning: the things we chase apart from God have a way of mastering us — let us not be naïve. At the same time, this is God's comfort: our failures don't cancel God's work in us. He is not sitting on the sidelines, waiting helplessly for us to sort ourselves out before He can move again.

The best news: God doesn't just call us to reject false kings. He gives us a Better One who gives and gives His life to us, and will not take from us.

The question for us: can we see how God is at work even in our sinful choices in recent times?

Announcements

ACM 2026 – Save The Date!

Annual Congregational Meeting 31 May (Sun) 1 - 3pm

All communicant members please note the above date and time for our next Annual Congregational Meeting. Ensure you register your attendance on **3 May** to be eligible for voting.

Papers will be sent 2 weeks before the ACM.

Please update the church office lydia@zionbishan.org.sg if you have any changes to your email or home address.

Adult Discipleship Class

Formed in Faith – A Workshop in Spiritual Formation

Do the words “Spiritual Formation” leave you cold, or perplexed? Have been wondering how God shapes His people over a lifetime? Or maybe you want to learn some ways to grow your spiritual life? Through teaching, reflection, and guided exercises, we will be invited to consider where we are in our walk with God and how He may be at work forming us today.

Location: Chapel L4 (in-person only)

Speaker: BGST Centre for Spiritual Formation (Ms Janice Chern & Dr Quek Tze-Ming)

Date & Time: Sat, 16 May, 9am – 12pm

Fees: \$10 (upon registration)

Attendance only by registration at: <https://tinyurl.com/ADC-Formed>

Please contact tzeming@zionbishan.org.sg for further information.