

**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: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus; This Life I Live; Behold Our God

PM: From Everlasting; The Servant King; Behold Our God

Scripture Reading:

AM: 1 Samuel 14:1-23 (ESV)

PM: 1 Samuel 14:1-2; 6-27 (ESV)

Message: Jonathan vs Saul

Response Hymn: Christus Victor (Amen)

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:

Ps Dev Menon (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn John Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Lee Jen Wei

Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 3

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor (1030)</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor (430)</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 (1030)</i>	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor (830)</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 (430)</i>	9239 4160
Preacher Choo Han Boo, <i>(Hokkien)</i>	9450 2789
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Ms Elizabeth Hira, <i>Children's Min/DHF</i>	9239 0680
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Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>	9060 8340
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

Jonathan vs Saul

1 Samuel 14

Introduction: Helpless! But is it Hopeless?

The Kind of King Saul Should Have Been (vv. 1–23)

The Kind of King Saul Really Was (vv. 24–52)

Conclusion: The King We Want Vs The King God Wants

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you remember about the passage or the sermon?
2. Jonathan says "*it may be that the LORD will work for us*" (v. 6). What does his faith reveal about what trust in God actually looks like and how does it contrast with Saul's approach throughout the chapter?
3. Jonathan and Saul face the same enemy, lead the same army, serve the same God — but respond completely differently. Walk through the chapter: where do you see Saul's heart most clearly exposed? And what specifically does Jonathan say or do that reveals a heart after God?
4. Where are you most tempted to value outward strength, success, or control over a heart that truly trusts and obeys the Lord?

Jonathan vs Saul

1 Samuel 14

Recap: The Disobedient & Rejected King

Jonathan: The Prince who defeats Israel's Enemies (14:1-15)

Jonathan displays a simple dependence on God, for he knows "nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few" (14:16).

Is this the future king "the LORD has sought out according to His heart" (13:14)?

Saul: The Unstable King who burdens his people (14:16-52)

Saul is the unwise and rash king who...

- Withholds true victory and joy from his people (v. 24-30)
- Causes them to sin (v. 31-35)
- Cruelly rejects his courageous son who brought victory (v. 36-46)
- Clings on to human might (v. 47-52)

Summary & Reflection

The king that God's people need is – not the one who burdens his people but – the one who trusts that "nothing can hinder the LORD from saving".

Discussion Questions

1. What have you heard and remembered from the narrative in Samuel so far?
2. Look back at Hannah's Prayer (1 Sam. 2:1-10) – what aspects of her words do we see in Jonathan's character and actions in this passage?
3. The narrator places King Saul beside Jonathan his son – what do we see about Saul that makes us question his character and kingship?
4. If this episode is not about "being courageous like Jonathan" or "not acting rashly like Saul" – how does it point us to our king, Jesus? What about Jonathan's trust in the LORD and Saul's foolish ways show us who Christ is more clearly?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Basic AG Leaders Equipping – Praise God for the 10 brothers and sisters participating in this round of the BAGLE course! May our Father teach them to find their joy not in their ministry alone but in the privilege of having their names written in heaven (Luke 10:20). Pray that this season of equipping will help them draw on the help of the Spirit of God to care for the members in their AG, under the loving guidance of Christ our Good Shepherd.

Catechism Class – Praise God for the conclusion of the first catechism class run of the year! As we prepare to receive 30 over new members (adults and children) next Sunday at our Pentecost services, may our God help us as a church family lovingly welcome them, faithfully disciple them, and journey intentionally with them as the Day of Christ's return draws ever nearer (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Children's Discipleship Teachers' Retreat – Thank God for upcoming CD Teachers' Retreat on 23 May. We pray that this retreat will be a fruitful, meaningful, and refreshing time of fellowship, learning, and encouragement together. We thank God for the teachers' faithfulness, love, patience, and commitment in serving and teaching week after week. As the teachers and children hear the words of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount in the 2nd half of 2026, may the Lord grow their understanding of what it means to live as citizens of God's Kingdom who humbly depend on King Jesus - He who helps us with our failures to live lives of obedience.

Our People

Esther Tan HW & Darrell – We thank God for our sister Esther who has been serving at East Asia School of Theology (EAST) in the areas of alumni and others as our Home Missions worker. She also leads a women's fellowship group every Wednesday morning and teaches the Indonesia Domestic Helper Fellowship group once a month. Pray for her to walk close with the Lord daily. Pray for wisdom and strength as she ministers & seeks to impact people for Christ and for His glory. Pray also for Darrell, Esther's husband, who is also our mission worker who is studying at EAST. He goes with a team from EAST to Vietnam next Wednesday to encourage and grow the communities of faith in this country.

SA and Jong - Thank God for a fruitful trip for Jong into the mountains north of their city with a group of tribal pastors recently. They travelled on motorbikes to gather data about unreached places and for ministry. Some data before suggests that there are more than 80 neighbourhoods without evangelical community presence. Pray for God's clear direction for them as they discern the way forward and for SA's continued language learning

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	11	
English Service 8.30am	220	\$4,349.60
English Service 10.30am	585	
English Service 4.30pm	264	
Chinese Service livestream*	5	
Chinese Service 8.30am	87	\$879.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	80	\$1,470.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	60	\$1,538.00
Hokkien Service	60	\$1,256.00
Tamil Service	12	\$124.00
DHF	31	
TOTAL	1415	\$9,616.60

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$78,084.55

Weekly Total \$87,701.15

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Gift No: 0024	\$300.00
Electronic Transfer	\$4,452.00
Weekly Total	\$4,752.00
Total expenses as of To-date	-\$1,430,215.75
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$4,731,962.11

Church Family News

1. Ps Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.
2. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Shalom BP Church this morning.
3. Our deepest condolences to sister Desiree Chew and family on the Homegoing of her mother, the late Mdm Ham Lor Lan Diana, aged 70, on 14 May 2026. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
4. Congratulations to Kenneth & Abigail on the birth of their firstborn son, Theodore Tan, on 15 May 2026!

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: **070-901056-3**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGMF**

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To give towards the

General Projects Fund



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Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque

Looking Ahead

Fri, 22 May

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 23 May

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 24 May (Pentecost Sunday)

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

1 Samuel Series

31 May -- Saul's Betrayal (1 Sam 15)

Mr Joel Khoo

Restless Idols

7 Jun -- The Idol of Ministry & Service

Elder Joseph Tay (RHC)

14 Jun -- The Idol of Time

(1030am only – Church Camp)

Ps Paul Yeo

21 Jun -- The Idol of Progress & Upgrading

Mr Joel Khoo

28 Jun -- Growing Old(er) Together -

The Idol of Health

Ps David Wong

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!

Honest With God: Reflections on Our Spiritual Disciplines Series

As part of our #getrest year, we wanted to deepen our relationship with God through developing certain spiritual disciplines and practices. We recently held three sessions facilitated by our brother Scuter Koo, covering the Word, Prayer, and Rest. Here is what some of the twenty or so participants had to say:

"I found the workshop really honest and refreshing. It led me to think — how can I be honest and present myself to God through prayer? It also helped to reshape how I think about prayer, that I can pray throughout the day, and I don't have to pray for things but more so I can talk to God and be honest with him in my thoughts and failures."

- Jeremy Sim

"Personally found the series helpful for verbalising internal frustrations regarding the Christian spiritual journey (what we are taught should exist vs our personal experience), and for bouncing off ideas on alternate viewpoints..."

Of the 3 sessions, I found the session on Prayer most thought-provoking. Appreciated the point of how our earthly parents influence our interaction with God, and we make presumptions of both what God is like and how He'd want the relationship to progress. Was challenged to not just be fully open to God, but to also trust in His love and acceptance of who I currently am.

Strongly recommend this to any and all feeling lost on why their personal experience of knowing God has not equated to life."

- Ben Thio

"The workshops were a very helpful platform to engage more deeply about spiritual formation together with Scuter and the other participants. I was challenged to rethink my Biblical definitions of common words like rest, and also to be honest with God about where I am and to ask for help. It was also particularly heartening to hear how God was working and shaping each of us in His own way. Highly encouraged and worth your time!"

- Rachel Lee

If these reflections resonate with you, there is more to come. This weekend, BGST is running an introductory course on Spiritual Formation for us, and we look forward to hearing from those participants too.

Our hope is to offer these courses and others with some regularity - because learning to engage with God in an honest way, and to rest in His love, is not a one-off event. It is a lifelong practice that we need to develop, and we want to keep doing it together.

Announcements

ACM 2026

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

Please submit any questions or items for agenda you may have to Session latest by **24 May**.

Please inform the church office if you will be overseas on that day.

If you are unable to attend the ACM, **you may appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote on your behalf**. The proxy form and instructions on use are included in the ACM papers. *Proxy forms are available at the entrance*. All proxies must be a communicant member and must be present at the ACM with the duly completed Proxy Form. Please include your FULL name in the Proxy Form.

Missions Prayer Night (MPN)

22 May, 8pm over Zoom

Come hear about & partner in prayer for this Home Missions ministry where we love & serve the residents weekly.

Join the Friday Prayer Meeting (FPM) channel at <https://zionbishan.org.sg/fpm>

Camp Briefing

Church Camp Briefing 27 May (Wed) 8pm on Zoom

All campers are to attend the pre-camp briefing. Campers will receive the link via email.

Also, join the Camp Telegram channel for important info and updates at tinyurl.com/camp2026telegram

Pray, Send and Go for Central Asia

27 May 2026 Church of the Good Shepherd

Central Asia remains one of the least-reached regions in the world, yet we sense a fresh stirring and renewed call from God for this season to Rally Hearts for Central Asia right here in Singapore.

This is an invitation to gather with Singaporeans whom have gone who came back, are currently serving there and are planning to go. Come discover what God is doing in Central Asia through the lives of Singaporeans!

Approach Tim Ong for the programme and more info or register at <https://tiny.cc/rallyhearts> by **22 May**.