

# RESTLESS IDOLS

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and  
our hearts are restless until they rest in You  
*- Augustine*

**ENGLISH SERVICES**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs:

AM: Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty; You Are My King; I Am His and He Is Mine

PM: Known and Loved; I Will Glory in My Redeemer; Be Thou My Vision

Installation of Leader [ 430pm only ]

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1; 4:10-13 (ESV)

Message: The Best Life - The Idol of Progress & Upgrading

Response Hymn: My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts)

## Serving You Today

**Speaker:** Mr Joel Khoo

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Sharon Quek

*Worship Leader:* Dn Lim Nan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Music Team 3

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chuah Chin Yew

*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Music Team 3

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Lee Jen Wei

*Worship Leader:* Eld Roland Low

*Vocalist & Musicians:* PM Music Team 3

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor (10.30)	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor (4.30)	<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 (10.30)	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor (8.30)	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Mandarin)	<i>paul</i>
Rev Chris Rajendran, Pastor (Tamil)	<i>christopher</i>
Rev Danny Chua, Pastor (4.30)	<i>danny</i>
Preacher Choo Han Boo (Hokkien)	<i>hanboo</i>
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>
Mrs Vanessa Khoo, Women's Ministry	<i>vanessa</i>
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](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

**The Best Life - The Idol of Progress & Upgrading**

Philippians 3:17-4:1; 4:10-13

**Introduction – Living Your Best Life**

**1. Paul's Exhortation (3:17-4:1)**



Don't set your mind on earthly things...



...for you are citizens of heaven!

**2. Paul's Secret**

He learned contentment every circumstance... (4:10-12)

...through Christ who strengthens him (4:13; c.f. 3:8)

**Conclusion: Your Best Life...**

**Questions for Reflection & Discussion**

- 1) What are some ways you are tempted to live your best life now?
- 2) How does Philippians warn against setting our minds on these earthly things?  
Where does Paul encourage us to look forward to instead?
- 3) How can we be learning contentment in our lives now, in every circumstance?  
How can we grow our satisfaction in Christ?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Church Camp** – We thank God for the return of 500 campers who spent 4 days together in Desaru, making time to engage with God. Do pray for the follow up of those who indicated they want to either grow in their walk with the Lord or learn more of what it means to rest in Christ.

**Father's Day** – May the Lord help the fathers among us lead and love their families as Christ loved the church, and turn to Him in their failures. For husbands in a season of lament and longing for children, may our God of comfort graciously show Himself to them. We lift up grandfathers too - may the Lord use them to pass on the gospel to their grandchildren. Praise God for many spiritual fathers in our midst, may they be as "fathers who deal with their own children, encouraging, comforting and urging younger men to live lives worthy of God" (1 Thess. 2:11-12).

### **Our People**

**RN & JN** – They left yesterday for a trip to Mongolia till 28 June. They are bringing a group of Polytechnic graduate interns to visit a church there and help with their youth outreach. They are going with their organisation Singapore Youth for Christ (YFC). Pray for good health, safe journey and fruitful ministry with Mongolia YFC. May the team learn much about what it means to bring the gospel to people from other cultures.

### **Our Denomination**

**Galilee BP** - Pray for the church as they work through their land lease renewal - that it may be a spiritual exercise as much as a physical one. Pray also for God to provide a new Mandarin Pastor very soon!

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Church Camp	499	
English Service Livestream*	18	
English Service 10.30am	467	\$467.00
Chinese Service livestream*	9	
Chinese Service 8.30am	95	\$1,226.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	70	\$1,307.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	68	\$938.00
Hokkien Service	54	\$967.00
Tamil Service	6	\$42.00
DHF	18	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>\$4,947.00</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$57,662.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$62,609.00</b>

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

## GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$7,384.50
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$7,384.50</b>
<b>Total expenses as of To-date</b>	<b>-\$1,675,099.42</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$4,528,758.37</b>

## Church Family News

1. Ps Zhiwen and Bro Tze-Ming preached this past week at Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel's annual conference on the topic of the Mission of God.
2. Ps Zhiwen will be on overseas leave from 20 - 27 June.

## 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, 26 Jun**

**NO Prayer Meeting**

**Sat, 27 Jun**

**Youth Fellowship: 4.00pm**

Register at [zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

**Sun, 28 Jun**

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

### Restless Idols

**28 Jun -- Growing Old(er) Together -  
The Idol of Health**

*Ps David Wong*

### Missions Month

**5 July -- Here I Am**

*Ps Ng Zhiwen*

**12 July -- Barriers to Obedience**

*Ps Yeoh Seng Eng (PPHBC)*

**19 July -- Sustaining Obedience**

*Ps Joseph Lee (Bartley)*

**26 July -- Mission as God's Call**

*Ps Ng Zhiwen*

## 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](http://bit.ly/ZBinterest) and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

Two years ago, we stepped into the ZB apprenticeship not entirely sure what lay ahead – only that we obeyed the Lord’s leading to be trained and tested in preparation to be sent for cross-cultural gospel ministry.

Now, as June draws our apprenticeship to a close, we wanted to share what these two years have held and what the Lord is leading us into next.

### **What These Two Years Have Held**

Over the course of our apprenticeship, the Lord has been gracious in giving us the depth and breadth of discipleship opportunities in His word: leading and teaching the Bible together in AGs across both ZB and Emmanuel BP, raising core partners and emerging leaders, and reading the Bible with individuals (believers and seekers alike).

In between the joys of preaching at EBPC, and giving evangelistic/ YF/ CD talks, we have been fuelled by gospel-shaped in-house training, Bible handling sessions and pastoral supervision, along with serving on the church camp committee.

In our cross-cultural preparation, we have received training in cross-cultural engagement, evangelism and disciple-making, trauma-informed care, security awareness, and exposure to history and theology of other faiths.

But amidst ministry involvement, we have each recently walked through our own season of physical affliction – E recovering from knee surgery and N managing a hyperthyroid condition. In these moments, we found ourselves leaning more deeply onto the truly afflicted Righteous One Himself:

*Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.  
He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.  
(Psalm 34:19-20)*

Our faithful Lord uses physical suffering as a way of making the gospel of Christ's cross more precious to us.

### **What We Are Walking Into Next**

We are deeply grateful to our church family for supporting and sending us as cross-cultural mission candidates in preparation for long-term ministry in (God-willing) the Middle East, a gospel-poor region in need of the love of Christ and the life-giving word of God.

Our desire is not only to proclaim the gospel to unreached peoples *but to make disciples who make disciples*, so that the Arab church might be strengthened for gospel witness within and beyond her own communities. To prepare for this, we are convinced that we need to be deeply rooted in God's word to be equipped for every good work (2 Tim 3:16-17).

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14–17)*

From July 2026, we will begin our studies full-time at the Evangelical Theological College of Asia (ETCAsia) – E in the three-year Masters of Divinity programme and N in the one-year Graduate Diploma – to deepen our theological foundations, be better equipped to teach and preach the Word faithfully, and grow in gospel clarity and godliness, so that we may be sustained for long haul ministry in less resourced, religiously complex contexts.

As we step into this next season, we hope not only to grow in theological depth, but also to continue in missiological preparedness through cross-cultural ministry opportunities wherever the Lord may lead.

### **A Word of Thanks**

We would not be here without the love and prayers of our church family. Thank you for walking with us through the last two years, for your faithfulness in praying alongside us, and for your generosity in continuing to support us!

We look forward to catching up with many of you as our apprenticeship draws to a close, and to staying connected as we head into this next season of equipping.

### **How to Pray for Us**

- That our time at ETCAsia will grow in us a bigger view of God and shape our hearts, that the Spirit may produce in us the fear of the LORD and a deeper love for Christ that will sustain us through whatever lies ahead.
- For God's continued gracious healing and strength in our bodies as we take on the demands of study.
- That we would build deep spiritual friendships with college batchmates, and encourage and sharpen one another in ministry.
- For wisdom, discernment and love for the people of West Asia as the Lord prepares our hearts to be sent.
- That through this season of equipping, we would come to know Christ more and make Him known.

## Announcements

### Men's Ministry Encountering God

All men of Zion Bishan, please register and join us on 4 July 2026.

#### Drawing on the Power of the Holy Spirit

Speaker: Ps Danny Chua

4 July (Sat) Zion Bishan MPH, L1  
8am – 9.30am  
( Breakfast Fellowship @7.30am )

Registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/MMEG2026Jul>

### Project Timothy Evening

#### Expositions 2026:

I Saw Heaven Open

**22 & 23 July** (Wed & Thurs)

7pm - 9.30pm, Zion Bishan

Main Speaker: **Vaughan Roberts**, Rector at St Ebbe's Church Oxford, Author of God's Big Picture & Battles Christians Face

Sign up here:

[zionbishan.org.sg/ProjectTimothyEX2026](https://zionbishan.org.sg/ProjectTimothyEX2026)

### Missions Month Workshop

#### Lost in Translation?

#### Sharing the Gospel Across Cultures

4 July (Sat) 9.30-11.30am at Chapel, L4

Come for a time of discussion and learning about better understanding the people we want to reach, and how the Good News can make sense for them.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/MM26sgac> by 1 July.

### BGST Courses

Registration for BGST's AY2026/27 Semester 1 Courses is open!

For classes such as:

- Everyday Christianity
- Christian Theology
- Old and New Testament Foundations
- Biblical Hermeneutics and Interpretation
- Foundations for Christian Ministry

To view all courses offerings and to register: [bg.st/currentcourses](https://bg.st/currentcourses)

Vouchers for course fees are available for ZB members, please contact [tzeming@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:tzeming@zionbishan.org.sg)

### Seniors360: Re-membering People with Dementia

#### Workshop 1: Understanding Dementia

11 July (Sat) 9.30am - 12.30pm  
Zion Bishan BP Church, Chapel

Dementia will become more prevalent in our church community. How do we minister to those living with dementia, and ensure that they continue to be part of our church community?

Join us for this 1st of 2 workshops to understand dementia, so that as individuals and as a church, we can bring hope and meaning to them.

Sign up by 4 July:

<https://tinyurl.com/DF-KIN-workshop1>