

The LORD has sought out a man after His own heart.

**For the LORD sees not as man sees:
man looks on the outward appearance, but the
LORD looks on the heart.**

1 Sam 13:14a; 16:7

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs:

AM: Christus Victus; A Debtor to Mercy Alone; All Praise to Him

PM: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery; Jesus, Thank You;

The LORD is My Salvation

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (ESV)

Message: The Unlikely King

Response Song: Be Thou My Vision

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: Dr Quek Tze-Ming

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Lim Nan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 2

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Mervyn Phan

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 2

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 2

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
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
Mrs Sha.ron Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
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
Ms Elizabeth Hira, <i>Children's Min/DHF</i>	9239 0680
Mrs Debbie Wong, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8833 1994
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 Unlikely King

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

1 Samuel 16

The LORD Sees What his Grieving Prophet Cannot See (16:1-5)

People See Outward Appearances; the LORD Sees the Heart (16:6-13)

The LORD Sees To It That Israel Has A King After His Heart (16:14-23)

Conclusion

What do you see?

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. In vv.1–5, Samuel is still grieving Saul while God is already providing (“seeing to”) the next king. Where might disappointment, fear, or attachment to the past be limiting your ability to trust God’s present work?
2. Samuel sees Eliab and reaches a confident—but wrong—conclusion (vv.6–7). What visible markers do we instinctively use to assess people’s spiritual maturity or suitability for leadership? How can we take those gifts seriously without mistaking them for God’s final verdict?
3. Saul receives relief through David’s humble ministry without recognising that David is God’s chosen king (vv.20–23). In what ways might we enjoy Christ’s gifts—comfort, provision, community—while resisting his rightful rule over our lives?
4. “The LORD looks on the heart ...” While the story is ongoing in our sermon series, what can you tell about Saul’s heart, and what do you know (from what you may have learned elsewhere) about David’s heart?

Prayer Points

Our Church

National Day – Paul urges that “petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” (1 Tim 2:1-4, NIV). May this be our true prayer, not only for peace or prosperity that fades, but for all our neighbours and friends to know this Saviour.

Indonesia Trip (10-16 Aug)

– Dn LN together with some members of our church family will be in Sumatra to visit a work and their fellowship group. Pray for safety for the team members and good health as they seek to hear His voice in the midst of Creation. Pray also for a meaningful time of mutual learning and encouragement in the context of a difficult spiritual environment.

Our World

Lebanon - This past week, Lebanon marked the 6th anniversary of the August 2020 port explosion that devastated a large part of the city and claimed thousands of lives. Our ministry partner wrote an email update and commented “...*the sound of the explosion has faded, but the faithfulness of God has only grown louder.*” Thank God for the blessing of the ministry of Life Kitchen, the food ministry of their church which started then and also for ministry in the Bekaa Valley where many faith discovery groups were started. May God continue to sustain and provide for the many needs of these ministries.

Mongolia - From 11-18 Aug, Ps Paul, Eld Ching Hong, Eld Beng Hwee and others from our Chinese congregations, will be heading to Mongolia to conduct a time of Bible training for a group of church and ministry leaders. May they have a fruitful time of learning and building relationship with each other. May communication be clear and the teaching helpful in deepening faith.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	19	
English Service 8.30am	232	\$2,793.00
English Service 10.30am	546	
English Service 4.30pm	219	
Chinese Service livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8.30am	96	\$2,338.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	76	\$1,079.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	54	\$1,244.00
Hokkien Service	42	\$930.00
Tamil Service	15	\$494.00
DHF	25	
TOTAL	1331	\$8,878.00

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer \$85,096.46

Weekly Total \$93,974.46

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,420.00
Weekly Total	\$4,420.00
Total expenses as of To-date	-\$1,992,808.37
Total General Projects Fund	\$4,256,997.52

Church Family News

- Praise God for our new apprentices who have joined us from July/Aug 2026: Moses Tan, Christabelle Tham, and John Wong! May we support them in prayer and in every way possible as they explore full-time paid gospel ministry.
- Ps Alby is on leave until 22 Aug.

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**

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*Please provide your CONTACT
NUMBER on each cheque*

Looking Ahead

Fri, 14 Aug

Prayer Meeting: 8.00pm

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 15 Aug

Youth Fellowship: 4.00pm

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 16 Aug

Worship Services:

8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

1 Samuel

16 Aug -- David & Goliath

Ps Vernon Quek

23 Aug -- The Jealous King

Ps Alby Yip

(8.30 & 10.30am)

Ps Danny Chua (4.30pm)

30 Aug -- Jonathan & David

Ps Alby Yip

(8.30 & 10.30am)

Ps Danny Chua (4.30pm)

6 Sep -- David in Trials

Ps Ng Zhiwen

(8.30 & 10.30am)

Ps Dev Menon (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!

Philoxenia – A National Day Word in Season

Happy Birthday, Singapore!

What is my wish for my country?

Each time we think about the issues facing our nation, we should also think about how the Church responds to these very issues. We are a city on a hill, and a light to the nations. How we respond should set the model or the pace for the nation in a manner that reflects God's kingdom.

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I have one issue in mind, and that is the foreigner in our midst.

Did you know that over 40% of our population is non-Singaporean?

Out of 6.11 million people living in Singapore (as of June 2025):

- 3.66 million are Citizens (59.9%)
- 540,000 are Permanent Residents (8.8%)
- 382,000 are Employment and S-Pass holders (6.3%)
- 840,400 are Work Permit Holders doing non-domestic work (13.8%)
- 305,600 are Domestic Helpers (5%)
- 382,000 are Dependants, Students, and Long-Term Visit Pass holders (6.3%)

Source: <https://www.population.gov.sg/our-population/population-trends/overall-population/> accessed 5 Aug 2026

That is a lot of people who were not born in Singapore and who do not identify as Singaporean. Most of them come from various countries in South-East Asia, China and India.

Our nation was founded as a nation of immigrants. Today, it continues to be the case that the nations come to our doorstep, and their numbers will keep increasing.

A major test of the Church's witness is this: *How welcoming are we to the foreigners in our midst?*

In Leviticus 19:34, Moses exhorted God's people the Israelites to *"treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself."*

You may be asking whether this ancient command applies to the Church today.

Consider Jesus' affirmation of God's command to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39, Mark 12:31, Luke 10:27) – the original command was in Leviticus 19:18!

Remember also the oft-repeated exhortation in the New Testament Church to practice *hospitality* (Romans 12:13, Hebrews 13:2, 1 Peter 4:9). In the original Greek, that word literally means "love for strangers" (*philo-xenia*), and it includes the foreigner.

Most of all, we love the stranger because we worship and follow a God who loved the stranger (Deuteronomy 10:18-19).

We ought to love them by the way we treat them (without prejudice), care for them, welcome them, protect them, and share Jesus with them.

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Some of our ministries are geared towards reaching foreigners. The "English as a Second Language" ministry, the Domestic Helper Fellowship and the Terusan Guest Worker Ministry come readily to mind. I strongly encourage you to consider serving in these ministries.

But if you keep your eyes open, you may also notice the significant number of foreigners in your schools, your workplace, in your neighborhood, and even in your household.

Did you notice that our congregations are also not short of foreigners? And guess how many non-Singaporeans are in our church staff?

We should not be expecting them to 'conform' to our culture and our 'way of doing things'. Rather, we should place expectations on ourselves, as God's people, to keep asking: How may I help make my family and our church a welcoming place for everyone?

What can I do to show them that God loves the stranger, and has envisioned His Church (with a capital C) to comprise people from every nation, language, tribe and tongue?

The more diverse we are the more we may experience and reflect what Church was meant to be.

So, Happy Birthday, Singapore!

The greatness of a nation lies in how we bless other nations, including those at our doorstep.

May the Church lead the way, as a city on a hill, and a light to the nations.

Announcements

Spiritual Formation Discovery Training

Weekends in Sep in 8 sessions, through stories, instruction and spiritual exercises, you will embark on a journey to discover your spiritual timeline, your longing for God, hinderances to that longing, the spiritual formation journey and spiritual community. Jointly organised by Zion Bishan BP Church and Imago Christi. Our church member, Stella Ma will be facilitating this discovery with her colleague.

5 Sep, Sat (am), **11 Sep**, Fri (night),
12 Sep, Sat (am to 4.30pm),
18 Sep, Fri (night), **19 Sep** (am to 4.30pm)

Venue: **Zion Bishan**

Cost: \$100 SGD -- *\$50 subsidy for ZB members, those who have been through discovery before, and full-time ministry workers.*

For more information, contact **Sharon** (97880195) or visit www.imagochristi.org/events/2026/09/05/singapore-discovery

Samuel Sermon Series Booklets

Printed booklets of 1 Samuel 16 to 2 Samuel 6 are available with space for notetaking to help us follow along in God's Word.

You may pick up a copy at the registration table before service, and PayNow / PayLah! to 92394160:

A5 booklets (\$5.00 each)

A4 booklets (\$7.50 each)

Looking into Full Time (LIFT)

16 Aug, 12 -2pm, Living Room

Are you someone serious about exploring full-time paid gospel ministry? Save the date and join us for a conversation! Sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZionBishanLIFT>

Missions Month 2026 Response Cards

Today (**9 Aug**) is the last day to submit your response cards in the boxes at the sliding doors of both the lower and upper Sanctuary. You are encouraged also to keep a digital copy by taking a photo of it before submitting.

Thank you for the commitment you are making - It is between you and the Lord, having heard His voice. Find more opportunities to learn & grow in God's Mission at

<https://try12345678.my.canva.site/zb-getsent-2026>

Children's Day Picnic

3 Oct (Sat) 9am - 12pm

Calling all our **Children's Discipleship parents, children and teachers** - join us for a **Children's Day picnic** at **Bishan Park**! Come get to know one another over food and games, to help each other keep walking with Jesus as a church family.

Sign up here by **31 Aug**:

<https://forms.gle/NYLiDMkpCUywmmEN9>

For enquiries, contact **Hira (82242542)** or **Dns Cassandra (93366920)**