

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: O God Our Help in Ages Past; He Will Hold Me Fast;

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

PM: My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62); Your Will Be Done; Shine Into Our Night

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 25:1 -23 (ESV)

Message: David & Abigail: Trusting the LORD's Hand

Response Song: The Lord Is My Salvation (AM); Still, My Soul Be Still (PM)

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 Vernon Quek -- 8.30am & 10.30am

Ps Danny Chua -- 4.30pm

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Lim Nan

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

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: Loke Yeng Fai

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

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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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>	

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

David & Abigail: Trusting the LORD's Hand

1 Samuel 25

Intro: We live in a world that sorely lacks justice...

1 Samuel so far: Learning about God's Hand and God's King

The Opening Verse: 'Now Samuel died.' (v1a)

Scene #1: David & Nabal (v1b–13)

David's request & **Nabal's Hand**: foolish injustice (v1b-12)

David's Hand: The Sword! (v13)

Scene #2: Abigail's Intervention (v14–35)

The LORD's Hand: Abigail (v14-31)

David's Response: Blessed be the LORD... (v32-35)

Scene #3: God's Hand gives Justice (v36–44)

The LORD's Hand: Victory over evil and injustice (v36-38)

David's Response: Blessed be the LORD... (v39)

*But uh-oh...(v43-44)

Conclusion: God's King and Trusting the LORD's Hand

A choice to be made in this world of injustice: Folly or Trust

The One in whom we can trust: God's King Jesus

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What are one or two aspects of the narrative that struck you? Why?
2. How do David's actions here make you feel? Why do you think he acted in this manner – especially since we have seen how he has trusted the LORD all this while?
3. What struck you about Abigail's actions and words? What do you think of her role – in light of Samuel the prophet's death – in speaking the words of God to David here?
4. How does today's passage help us treasure and trust in God's Justice through King Jesus more?
5. Are there some things in your life you are finding hard to leave to your God to handle and judge? What is God saying to you through His word in this situation?

David & Abigail: Trusting the LORD's Hand

1 Samuel 25

The Story so far: David's Lessons in the Wilderness (1 Sam 23-24)

David must learn how God protects and delivers in this place of testing.

The Wilderness Journey Continues: David Seeking Refuge... Again (v. 1-8)

**Samuel's Death: A New Era? (v. 1)*

Nabal: More Hostility in the Wilderness! (v. 9-11)

Nabal denies David hospitality and also David's kingship.

David's Response: Vengeance by his own hand? (v. 12-22)

How should God's chosen king respond when others "return him evil for good" (v.21)?

Abigail's Intervention: Wisdom for a King (v. 23-35)

How can the king trust the LORD's hand of salvation rather than his "own hand"?

The LORD Judges the King's Enemies (v. 36-44)

The king's lesson: "... for not by might shall a man prevail. ... the LORD will give strength to His king and exalt the horn of His anointed." (Hannah's Song, 1 Sam 2:9-10)

Discussion Questions:

1. What are one or two aspects of the narrative that struck you? Why?
2. How do David's actions here make you feel? Why do you think he acted in this manner – especially since we have seen how he has trusted the LORD all this while?
3. What struck you about Abigail's actions and words? What do you think of her role – in light of Samuel the prophet's death – in speaking the words of God to David here?
4. *"God's king must learn to trust Him to guard His faithful saints and not act rashly out of sin"* – how is this lesson for David also something that Jesus understood and lived out?
5. What is one aspect of life you are finding hard to leave to your God to handle and judge? What is God saying to you through His word in this situation?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Tamil Congregation – As we celebrate 43 years of God's faithfulness this Sunday, let us pray for His continued guidance and renewal of our Tamil Congregation. May God help us grow in Christ, in His Word, and in love and unity, and use us to reach more people for His glory.

Christianity Explored (CE) – Thank God for the 5 seekers, members and friends who have signed up, and for the opportunity to help others get to know Jesus through the Gospel of Mark. As the course begins this coming Wednesday evening 23 Sept, pray for the table hosts as they come alongside the seekers in their journey, that they will do so in God's love, relying solely on His Spirit.

Brother Ng Wai Kit has joined staff this past week as a part-time interim Church Admin Manager. He will assist our current Admin Manager Adam Peh as the HR requirements of our Staff Team grow. Please pray for Wai Kit as he begins this role, and for God to provide the right person in the long run to fill the role of Senior Admin Manager (see job description on Pg 11).

Our People

Our Cross-Cultural worker, **KY** returned to her field of service this past week after spending the last six months here in Singapore following her father's

illness and eventual Homegoing. She would appreciate our prayers for:

- a smooth transition back to the field and her work
- overall team's health and unity
- breakthroughs in locals' acceptance of Christ
- salvation of her family

Our Denomination

BPCIS – Our denomination celebrated their 15th anniversary yesterday, where we were all exhorted to strengthen one another as sister BP churches. A new video detailing the BPCIS history was produced. Also launched is an Endowment Fund that we hope will eventually ensure each church can afford to support their full time workers.

Our World

Lebanon - Our partner in Beirut reports of God's blessings to the children, youth and young adults at Life Centre through the summer camps. For the children, they learnt more about the theme "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made". For the youth, it was "Your Will be done" and for the young adults, "Strive for Rest". May the fellowship, prayer and teaching times deepen the faith of each child, youth and young adult so that they will pass this truth to others in their communities.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	23	
English Service 8.30am	235	\$1,457.15
English Service 10.30am	541	
English Service 4.30pm	280	
Chinese Service livestream*	11	
Chinese Service 8.30am	93	\$867.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	76	\$1,339.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	53	\$992.00
Hokkien Service	63	\$1,118.00
Tamil Service	14	\$300.00
DHF	24	
TOTAL	1413	\$6,073.15

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer \$73,104.84

Weekly Total \$79,177.99

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$6,058.50
Weekly Total	\$6,058.50
Total expenses as of To-date	-\$2,310,978.89
Total General Projects Fund	\$3,982,260.14

Church Family News

- This past week we bade farewell to our late brother Kok Sum Pooi who was called Home to be with the Lord on 14 Sep 2026 at the age of 83. We praise God that, after being visually impaired for the last 61 years, he has now regained sight and is safe in the arms of our Lord Jesus.
- Bro Tze-Ming is co-leading a BGST Bible Lands Study Tour to Turkiye from 18 - 30 Sep, including 10+ participants from Zion Bishan.

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



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*Please provide your CONTACT
NUMBER on each cheque*

Looking Ahead

Fri, 25 Sep

Prayer Meeting: 8.00pm

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 26 Sep

Youth Fellowship: 4.00pm

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 27 Sep

Worship Services:

8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

1 Samuel

27 Sep -- David vs. Saul Pt. 2

Ps Ng Zhiwen -- 8.30 & 10.30am

Ps Dev Menon -- 4.30pm

04 Oct -- The Rejected King

Ps Alby Yip

11 Oct -- David Facing Challenges

Ps Alby Yip -- 8.30 & 10.30am

Dr Quek Tze-Ming -- 4.30pm

18 Oct -- Death of Saul & David's Song

Ps Danny Chua

25 Oct -- David Anointed King of Israel

Ps Ng Zhiwen -- 8.30 & 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!

Thus Far: What God Is Doing at Emmanuel BPC

On 12 September, the Session of Emmanuel BP Church (EBPC), our sister church at One Pemimpin, met for a morning retreat called “Thus Far.” Like Samuel setting up his Ebenezer stone, we looked back and could only say, “Till now the LORD has helped us” (1 Samuel 7:12, ESV).

What God has done

EBPC is much smaller than ZB in terms of size and resources, and yet God has shown us time and time again what He can do in any setting!

Since 2023, the membership has grown from 60 to 72, and there are baptisms every year. More preachers have joined the English pulpit, and the Chinese congregation is slowly growing. A Transport Ministry started from nothing and now brings worshippers from the MRT and certain pick-up points. A visitation and bereavement ministry cares for the sick and the grieving.

God has also grown EBPC in the Word. Bible study classes became Cell Groups, and as of 2026, we have a total of three CGs. Since July, a fortnightly Saturday training programme has been equipping leaders to handle the Bible and care for one another. Sunday School teachers training has begun, and the Chinese congregation meets for Bible study on Thursdays. We hope to start evangelism training soon!

What is needed

While more young people have joined in recent years, we still need mature believers who can come over from ZB to eventually anchor ministries and bolster the leadership. We also need families with young children that are willing to put down roots. And finally, help for the Chinese Service. Finances are also a constraint.

Looking to 2027

Next year is EBPC's 50th. The leaders hope to not only commemorate what God has done in the past and present, but also to reach outward: towards our fellow Industrial tenants, the Pemimpin estate and new upcoming BTOs.

How to pray

- Give thanks for 50 years of God's faithfulness.
- Ask the Lord to send more workers and potential leaders.
- Pray for young families and young adults to be willing to #getsent from ZB.

If you would like to serve alongside us at EBPC, please contact Tim See (timothysee@zionbishan.org.sg) or Christina Wong (christina@zionbishan.org.sg).

Announcements

Zion Bishan Youth Camp

14–18 Dec 2026

Calling all youths! This year's 5D4N Youth Camp is now open for registration! View details and REGISTER at tinyurl.com/ZBYC26 Do so before 4 Oct to enjoy early bird discount. If you have friends between 12 and 21 years old, do encourage them to join us! Sponsorship for camp is also appreciated. Contact **Jacqueline (93227629)** for more info.

Men's Ministry (MM)

All men of Zion Bishan, please register and join us for a time to Reflect, Recharge and Rise in Christ at this year's 17th MM Retreat.

Rooted in Godliness, Rising in Resilience

Speaker: Ps Alby Yip

8 – 10 Nov (Sun – Tues)

Forest City Golf Hotel, Johor

\$295 (Twin-sharing) / \$285 (Early bird discount, payment by 30 Sep)

Registration: tinyurl.com/MMRETREA
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Zion Bishan 32nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

31 Oct (Sat) 4.30pm @ Sanctuary
followed by dinner

Let us come together as one Zion Bishan family, as we look to our LORD to remember 32 years of God's goodness and faithfulness to us, and also trust Him to lead us in the way forward.

Dinner registration will open on 11 Oct.

Save the Date!

SENIORS360 Dim Sum Hour & Talk

Building Resilience: Coping With Life's Challenges

10 Oct (Sat) 10.15am, Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with **Mrs Sim Nga Hoon**. She will help us understand why resilience matters and share practical strategies to build resilience and cope better with life's challenges and adversities.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by **3 Oct:**

<https://rebrand.ly/s360oct26>

Calling for Volunteers to serve in Children's Discipleship

By God's grace and blessing, the number of children at various congregations continues to grow, and the Children's Ministry team needs more partners to join them in teaching God's word and being godly models to the children.

New teachers and parent volunteers are needed for 2027. If you are interested to find out more about this ministry, please contact **Cassandra or Debbie (430)** and **Hira (1030)** by **31 Oct.**

Senior Office Manager & Administrator

We praise God for blessings and enlarging Zion Bishan's work for His kingdom. With the growing workload, the Church is seeking a Senior Office Manager and Administrator who is well versed in personnel management & HR operation (Comp & Ben, Training & Devm't), with basic knowledge in building maintenance, IT systems, accounting, corporate governance and statutory compliance.

Church members and friends of Zion Bishan are welcome to enquire or provide referrals to the position. Please contact **Elder Howe Run** at **howerun41@outlook.com** for details.