

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: God the uncreated One; My Soul will Wait (Psalm 62); Knowing You

PM: This Is Amazing Grace; God of Angel Armies; Let Us Exalt His Name;
The Lord Is My Salvation

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 26:1 -25 (ESV)

Message

AM: Faithful in the Waiting

PM: Lessons in the Wilderness: The Journey Continues

Response Song: Let Us Exalt His Name (AM); God is for Us (PM)

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

Speakers:

Ps Ng Zhiwen -- 8.30am & 10.30am

Ps Dev Menon -- 4.30pm

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn John Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Lim Nan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Timothy Ong

Worship Leader: Eld Tiew Chew Meng

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Melvin Soo

Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu

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 (10.30)	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor (4.30)	<i>dev</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	<i>jtlm</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>
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>
Ms Elizabeth Hira, Children's Ministry/DHF	<i>hira</i>
Mrs Debbie Wong, Children's Ministry	<i>deborah</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

Faithful in the Waiting

1 Samuel 26-27

Introduction: David in the Waiting.

Lessons learned from the immediate past.

Sparing Saul's Life again.

The Situation: Betrayed and Hunted again. (26:1-5)

The Test: Saul in David's hand. Abishai offers his hand. (26:6-12)

The Confrontation (26:13-20)

Remorse... Repentance? (26:21-25)

In Enemy Land again.

Back in Gath (27:1-4)

Favor in his eyes (27:5-7)

A king in exile (27:8-12)

Conclusion.

"What are you becoming while you wait?"

Reflection Questions:

1. David has another opportunity to kill Saul yet refuses to take the kingdom "with his own hand". Where are you tempted to "help God along" rather than wait for Him?
2. How do we continue trusting God in the waiting between His promise and its fulfillment? Where do you find yourself most vulnerable to compromise?
3. How does Jesus' example encourage and inspire you to remain faithful in the waiting?

Lessons in the Wilderness: The Journey Continues

Ps Dev Menon

1 Samuel 26-27

Main point: *In the wilderness, God is teaching His king not to grab the kingdom but to trust Him to keep His promise, in His way and in His time.*

1. Déjà Vu (26:1–5)

The same hunt and the same Ziphites, but a bolder David.

2. "Who Can Put Out His Hand Against the LORD's Anointed?" (26:6–12)

What Abigail taught him: David doesn't need to grasp the kingdom.

3. "Precious in the Sight of the LORD" (26:13–25)

David treats Saul's life as precious and trusts God with his own.

4. Back to Gath (27:1–7)

The same place he once fled in terror. So why is he back here?

5. Raids from Ziklag (27:8–12)

Doing the king's work... but God's name goes missing.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you remember about the passage or the sermon?
2. Compare chapter 26 with chapter 24, and chapter 27 with chapter 21. What's the same, and what's different? What did David learn in between (see 25:32–33)?
3. In 26:10, David gives three ways Saul might die, and he doesn't know which one it will be. What does it look like to leave an outcome with God without knowing how or when? Where are you tempted to take matters into your own hands?
4. In 26:24, David asks that his life be "precious in the sight of the LORD." How does knowing you are precious to God through Christ free you from having to protect yourself?
5. Read 27:8–12. How does David handle Achish? Since the author doesn't mention God here, what do you make of it? How do we apply narratives like this?

Prayer Points

Our Church

A&A Building Project Update – We have just completed the material testing of existing structure and our consultants will be preparing their submission to BCA. The process for obtaining the approval to proceed with the steel structural works on Level 5 is likely to take some time. As such, decision was made to remove current scaffold until Notice of Approval from BCA is obtained. Based on cost analysis, this would be most cost effective than to pay for extension of the use of scaffold. Moreover, it would also restore the use of playground to ZBK children in the interim. Please continue to keep the project in prayer, for God's clear direction and wisdom upon our consultants in addressing the authorities' requirement.

Christianity Explored (CE) - Praise God for 7 seekers and friends who joined us for the first week of the course this past Wednesday evening. Pray that each of their hearts will be turned to the Lord, and there will be a continued desire to return each week to learn and discover Jesus through the Gospel of Mark. Pray for God's guidance and directing through His Spirit to be upon our table hosts and members as they journey alongside in the next 6 weeks.

Our People

Quek Tze Ming – We thank God that BPCIS has officially formed an ordaining council for our brother Dr Quek, to discern his calling in becoming a Minister of the Gospel. Please pray for him in this journey!

Our Denomination

Shalom BP – We thank God that our sister church ordained a new minister of the gospel yesterday! Please do pray for Rev Low Jun Yew and his young family, as he comes alongside their current Pastor, Ben Tsao, in ministering to our brothers and sisters in Pasir Ris.

Our World

Nepal – Thank the Lord for placing the Tibetan Buddhists on our hearts and giving us a desire to reach them with the Gospel. Thank Him also for the faith and obedience of our members to join Him in what He is doing in that region. Keep in prayer for the 4 tracks being carried out in the next 2 months, that the Gospel work may grow and our brothers and sisters there will be strengthened in their faith and love for Jesus. Pray also for more labourers to be raised and sent out into His harvest.

Indonesia – Pray for Brother SL's visit to Singapore next weekend for a training conference here. May this be a time of good learning and refreshment for this brother who is ministering faithfully in a hard place for many years. Pray also that there will be good attendance for a ministry sharing that he will be doing at Zion Bishan, next Sunday, (4 Oct), at lunchtime after the 10.30am service.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	23	
English Service 8.30am	230	\$1,074.90
English Service 10.30am	533	
English Service 4.30pm	283	
Chinese Service livestream*	10	
Chinese Service 8.30am	92	\$1,412.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	80	\$1,525.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	60	\$1,645.00
Hokkien Service	59	\$1,139.00
Tamil Service	13	\$234.00
DHF	24	
TOTAL	1407	\$7,029.90

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer \$54,734.00

Weekly Total \$61,763.90

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,459.50
Weekly Total	\$4,459.50
Total expenses as of To-date	-\$2,310,978.89
Total General Projects Fund	\$3,986,719.64

Church Family News

- Our deepest condolences to Dn Gary Lee and family on the Homegoing of his brother-in-law, the late Elder Edmund Kwok (Zion Serangoon) who was called Home to be with the Lord on 20 Sep 2026. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
- Ps Dev is preaching at Hebron BP this morning.
- Ps Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.
- Congratulations to Grace Tan on her marriage to Gabriel Tham on 26 Sep 2026! May God bless them in their holy matrimony.

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, 2 Oct

Prayer Meeting: 8.00pm

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 3 Oct

Youth Fellowship: 4.00pm

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 4 Oct

Worship Services:

8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

1 Samuel

4 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!

Numbering Our Days

‘So teach us to number our days...’¹

These were some of the words that our late brother Edmund Kwok (see Family News) meditated on for his devotions last Sunday the 20th of September. They were God-given words for the last morning devotions that he would have here on earth.

Later that day, at a shopping mall in Jakarta, Uncle Edmund (as I affectionately call him) had a heart attack, and went Home to the LORD shortly after despite the best resuscitation efforts of the hospital just a few minutes away. He was 68 years old.

Uncle Edmund’s sudden loss is a great shock to many of us, understandably given how suddenly he passed. He was and still is very precious to the Zion BP Church family – the local church he was a part of for most of his life before moving to Crossway Church a few years ago to support his son Edric who planted and pastors that church family.

As stories came in and were shared, it was clear that the LORD loved Uncle Edmund dearly, and had used him to point many others upwards to Himself. Our entire bulletin wouldn’t be enough to share all these stories, but let me share just one of my many memories.

The Kwoks and the Queks have always been close. It’s not very well known, but Edric Kwok was my late father Elder Quek Swee Peng’s Godson. Uncle Edmund was our youth deacon in YF back in the 1990s. He faithfully took time every Saturday to turn up for YF, to spend time with us and mentor us each week.

Back in 2011, when I was considering moving back to Zion Bishan after spending some time on Zion Serangoon’s staff team, Uncle Edmund was one person I approached for advice. He was one of the older leaders I was closer to in Zion Serangoon, and so his advice carried a lot of weight on whether I would move over. He encouraged me to remember the wider

¹ Psalm 90:12a

Kingdom, and that even though it would mean we would see each other less in our weekly lives, that serving the LORD where the LORD wanted me to serve was the most important thing to do – that the LORD would never fail to look after us if we faithfully obeyed Him in going anywhere for the Kingdom's sake.

Uncle Edmund's was an important voice that the LORD used to lead me to return to serve in Zion Bishan, and so I will always cherish him and look forward to the Day we'll meet again.

Psalm 90:12 goes on to say:

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

What is this heart of wisdom? Perhaps the last few verses of the Psalm tell us:

Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us.²

This is a heart of wisdom: getting on board with God's work to point others, including the next generation, to God's power to save sinners³ through the Gospel of Jesus. Like Edmund Kwok did - for myself and for so many others.

If today was our last day on this earth, would this be said of our lives? That our days were spent doing God's work and encouraging others to do the same? May it be so, and so may we be able to rejoice and be glad all our days.⁴

² Psalm 90:16 & 17

³ Psalm 90:7-9

⁴ Psalm 90:14

Announcements

Youth's Parents - Cyberwellness

4 Oct (Sun) 1-2.30pm

A workshop on Cyberwellness, for parents of teenagers, will be held on 4 Oct, Sunday, 1-2.30pm at the MPH. Come join us to think through how to better manage media and mobile phone usage for our young ones, as we glean insights and practical tips from our speaker Poh Yeang Cherng from Kingmaker Consultancy.

Register by 27 Sep at bit.ly/4xPM1QB

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

8 – 10 Nov (Sun – Tues)

Speaker: Ps Alby Yip

Forest City Golf Hotel, Johor
\$295 (Twin-sharing) / \$285 (Early bird discount, payment by 30 Sep)

Registration:

tinyurl.com/MMRETREAT2026

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!

Women of Zion (WOZ)

City Walk – Postponed

For everyone's health and safety, the walk originally planned for 3 October will be postponed because of the haze.



A new date will be announced once conditions improve.



Thank you for your understanding and stay safe!

Antioch Summit 2026

This missions conference by ANTIOCH21 is happening next week on **1 – 3 Oct**. Over 40 Zion Bishan members have registered to attend so far. Find out more and register at <https://antioch21.sg/>

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 (PM)** and **Hira (AM)** 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.