

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: The King in all His Beauty; Lord Have Mercy; Holy, Holy, Holy

PM: All Creatures of Our God and King; Lord Have Mercy; Medley:
The King in all His Beauty

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 28:3-25 (ESV)

Message: The Rejected King

Response Song: Jesus Shall Reign

Holy Communion: Here is Love

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: Ps Alby Yip

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Lim Nan

Worship Leader: Eld Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dns Ng Li Hwee

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Annette Low

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 1

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
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Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
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Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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The Rejected King

Ps Alby Yip

1 Samuel 28

Introduction

Now Samuel was dead...

Samuel said to Saul...

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground...

Conclusion

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you remember most of the passage/message? Why?
2. In what ways can Christians deafen themselves to God's voice?
3. How can Christians seek God's voice?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Youths – As we enter exams season, pray especially for our youths taking national exams this year (currently in midst of N levels, and O levels starting). Pray that they not only remain calm and confident, but also be trusting in the Lord whatever the outcomes.

Thank God for seeing the P6s through PSLE the past week. As they transit into the new environments of Sec school and Youth Ministry, pray that they will adapt well and continually be engaged with Jesus and His church.

Pray also for our youths' parents, for continued patience and joy as we model the Christian faith to our young ones. With workshops like the Cyberwellness one held today (4 Oct), we want to also be encouraging one another in this journey of discipling our youths, such that they can grow to love Jesus and learn from Him even amidst worldly culture and influences.

Antioch Summit – Thank God for the Summit which took place over the past few days. Pray for the 1,000 over participants, as well as the churches and organizations they represent - that they will make it their ambition to see the name of Jesus proclaimed in places of the world where Christ is not known (Romans 15:20-21). Pray for effective follow up with all participants who are seriously discerning God's call on their lives to serve Him in cross-cultural overseas missions.

Children's Ministry – Thank God for His guidance, protection, and blessing over the **Children's Day Picnic** held yesterday, and especially for the fellowship between the dozens of parents/children with their CD teachers! We pray that the joy and fellowship shared will continue in their lives, and strengthen the partnership we share to disciple each child to delight in Jesus.

ZBCS Mid-Autumn Outreach - Thank God for last Saturday's Mid-Autumn Outreach, for the smooth running of the entire event, and for the many members who served and participated — from the performers and ushers to the prayer warriors behind the scenes. Praise God that over 300 guests and members gathered together, and more than 70 were first-time visitors! A few also indicated they prayed to receive Jesus that night, and others expressed interest to find out more about Him - pray for the Spirit of God to guide our follow-up, and for the seeds sown to bear lasting fruit in His time.

Our World

The Suffering Church – Interserve Singapore is partnering with our church to pray for the suffering **Church** (this Fri, 9 Oct, 7.30pm) - specifically the Church in two countries - one in South Asia and another in East Asia. Pray that more from ZB and beyond will gather in prayer. Church, let us take time to seek our heavenly Father and pray for our brothers and sisters who face many challenges often simply because they following Jesus.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	26	
English Service 8.30am	226	\$600.20
English Service 10.30am	496	
English Service 4.30pm	227	
Chinese Service livestream*	10	
Chinese Service 8.30am	81	\$1,057.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	80	\$600.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	58	\$1,029.00
Hokkien Service	67	\$1,190.00
Tamil Service	11	\$612.00
DHF	32	
TOTAL	1314	\$5,088.20

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer \$54,486.79

Weekly Total \$59,574.99

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,250.00
Weekly Total	\$4,250.00
Total expenses as of To-date	-\$2,310,978.89
Total General Projects Fund	\$3,992,890.69

Church Family News

- Congratulations to Benjamin & Jean on the birth of their firstborn daughter, Naomi, on 29 Sep 2026!
- Ps Dev is preaching at Mt Carmel BPC this weekend.

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, 9 Oct

Prayer Meeting: 8.00pm

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 10 Oct

Youth Fellowship: 4.00pm

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 11 Oct

Worship Services:

8.30am, 10.30am & 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!

1-2 Samuel

11 Oct -- David Facing Challenges

Ps Alby Yip -- 8.30 & 10.30am

Dr Quek Tze-Ming -- 4.30pm

18 Oct – Saul’s Death: The Mighty have Fallen

Ps Danny Chua

25 Oct -- David Anointed King of Israel

Ps Ng Zhiwen -- 8.30 & 10.30am

Ps Vernon Quek -- 4.30pm

8 Nov -- House David vs. House Saul

Dr Quek Tze-Ming -- 8.30 & 10.30am

Ps Danny Chua -- 4.30pm

15 Nov -- King David & The Ark

Ps Vernon Quek -- 8.30 & 10.30am

Ps Dev Menon -- 4.30pm

Saul Consulted a Medium

1 Samuel 28 records one of the strangest and most unsettling episodes in the Bible. Fearing the Philistine army and the upcoming battle, Saul sought guidance from God. But God did not answer him (28:6). Instead, Saul turned to a medium and asked her to bring up the spirit of Samuel. Was it really Samuel who appeared? There are three main views.

1. It was genuinely Samuel. God permitted Samuel to appear and deliver His message of judgment to Saul. The message was certainly consistent with what Samuel had previously told Saul. Hence, it was God who sovereignly intervened even through Saul's sinful attempt to seek supernatural guidance apart from God.
2. It was a deceptive spirit. The figure was not Samuel but an evil spirit impersonating him. Scripture consistently warns God's people against mediums and attempts to communicate with the dead (Deut. 18:10–12). Indeed, Saul himself outlawed spiritists earlier (1 Sam. 28:3, 9). In going to a medium, Saul had himself "opened the door" for spiritual deception.
3. It was the medium's trickery or occult power. It was the medium who produced some kind of apparition or deceptive experience, whether through deceit, psychological means, or occult practice. Some even suggested that the medium, who already knew it was Saul, played along out of fear or favour.

There is another concern for Christians. Why did Samuel appear, even “coming up out of the earth” (v. 13)? Shouldn’t Samuel already be in his heavenly home, as we so often hear at wakes and funerals?

We should remember that the role of prophets, whether Samuel or others, was to proclaim the word and will of God. God uses different means and forms to disclose His word and will: angels, visions, incidents, coincidences, and even a donkey (Num. 22). Above all, God sent His Son from heaven to earth.

God used even the enemies of God’s people—Assyria, Babylon, and Pilate—to fulfil His will. Perhaps the focus in these accounts was not on the “messenger” but on the message. Saul had stopped listening to God! God will remain silent when His voice is repeatedly ignored. God will step aside when a person insists on going his or her own way.

1 Samuel 28, then, is a challenge: when God speaks, will we obey His voice or follow our own desire-driven voice? When God seems silent, will we follow other “voices” that promise instant gain and pleasure? Saul’s tragedy was not that he consulted a medium. He had already chosen a path of disobedience and wanted guidance only on his own terms.

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

Early-bird discount ends today (4 Oct)! 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.

Enabling Ministry (EM)

Dear Brother and Sisters,
The Enabling Ministry has launched an initiative to better understand the needs of our disabled and neurodivergent brothers and sisters, their parents and caregivers.

The Inclusion Circle is a vital ministry and pastoral care tool for the church community, that will transform how we, as brothers and sisters in Christ will further promote inclusivity, hospitality, safety, and intentional care.

Any information shared with us will comply with our church personal data protection commitment and standards.

Please WhatsApp **Benedict Tan** at **9641 3255** or visit <https://inclusioncircle.base44.app>

Zion Bishan 32nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

31 Oct (Sat) 4.30pm @ Sanctuary

Dinner after the service until 8pm,
Fellowship Hall

"Strengthening the Congregations"
-- Acts 14:21-23

For 32 years, God has been faithful to Zion Bishan. Come and give thanks with us as one church, across all our congregations and languages. We will hear testimonies from each congregation, worship together in song, and pray for one another, so that we may be "strengthened in the faith".

Stay for the Anniversary Dinner!

Share a meal and fellowship with the whole church family after the service.

\$5 per person, payable via PayNow (details in the form).

Register: <https://shorturl.at/G3DFp>

Friday Prayer Meeting

Stand in solidarity with the suffering Church around the world, praying together for our brothers and sisters in the nations

**9 Oct (Fri) 7.30-9.30pm
Chapel at Level 4**

Note: This will take the place of our usual FPM over Zoom.

Due to sensitive info, registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/sufferingchurch26>