



1 Samuel 2:9

**He will guard the feet of His faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,
for not by might shall a man prevail.**

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise; Never Once; No Other Name

PM: My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62); His Glory and My Good;
Oh The Deep, Deep Love

Scripture Reading:

AM: 2 Samuel 2:1-11 & 3:1 (ESV)

PM: 2 Samuel 2:1-23 & 3:1 (ESV)

Message: Kingdom Divided

Response Song: The Servant King

Missions 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 Vernon Quek -- 4.30pm

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn John Chua

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Timothy Ong

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang

Worship Leader: Dn Kemp Aw

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

Kingdom Divided

2 Samuel 2:1 – 3:1

The Way of the Anointed King

Inquired and Obeyed (2:1-4)

Blessed and Promised Good (2:5-7)

But Abner...

The Kingdom Divided (2:8-11)

Civil War: Shall the sword devour forever?

When Strongmen “Compete” (2:12-17)

Personal Rivalry (2:18-27)

Separation (2:28-32)

The long war... but David grew stronger (3:1)

Conclusion

Ambition and Pride

The Way of the Anointed King: *not by might shall a man prevail*

Reflection Questions:

1. From this passage, what qualities of King David impress you?
2. How have you seen human ambition resist God’s purposes or divide His church? Have you allowed pride, hurt and rivalry to become destructive?
3. What is the Jesus way? How will you commit to “put on Christ” and follow His example?

Kingdom Divided

Ps Vernon Quek

2 Samuel 2:1 – 3:1

Intro:

Scene #1: Judah recognises God's Anointed King (2:1-11)

God's Anointed King David (v1-3)

Why Hebron? The place of Abraham & Caleb

The men of Judah (v4a)

The men of Jabesh-gilead (v4b-7)

The men loyal to Saul (Judges 21:8-14 & 1 Samuel 11)

But Abner & the men of Israel... (v8)

So the Kingdom divided...(v10-11)

The Big Question: Do we recognise God's Anointed King as our King?

Scene #2: Civil War at Gibeon (2:12-3:1)

Abner & Joab: A senseless competition with Swords (v12-17)

Asahel & Abner: A senseless death by a Spear (v18-23)

Some sense comes a little too late (v24-32)

Shall the sword devour forever? (v26)

Not with sword or spear! (1 Sam 17:47)

Conclusion: Recognising God's Anointed King Jesus

Generally: Conformed to the image of our King

Romans 8:27, 1 John 2:5-6 etc

Specifically: Loving one another and loving our enemies, just as King Jesus did.

John 13:34-35, Matthew 5:43-45 etc

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What are one or two aspects of the narrative that struck you? Why?
2. What do we learn about what it means to choose to follow God's Anointed King Jesus from today's passage?
3. Are there specific people in your life that you need to learn to love like King Jesus? What will motivate us to follow our King in this area?

Prayer Points

Our Church

32nd Anniversary – Do pray for the upcoming anniversary this Saturday - for those who will be sharing testimonies and for the various music teams as they prepare. May it be a meaningful (and hopefully haze-free) event that allows us to celebrate God's faithfulness and favour towards ZB!

Our People

Sister SL – We thank God for placing the people of Central Asia on her heart, and showing her how God himself has been working to make right the brokenness of the world through His Son, Jesus. Pray for her time in apprenticeship, that she will continually grow in her convictions of the Gospel and how people need Jesus, and that it will also train and equip her for field work in the future.

Our World

Nepal, Track C (Special Needs Outreach) – For brother W and Sister A, we thank God that they and their check in luggage have been reunited last Monday. Thank God for good learning from the training workshops for 16 educators of our partner's school for learning to teach special needs students. Though they did not have some of their training materials they were able to make do and all was good. It has been a fruitful and meaningful time.

Nepal, Track A (Disciple-Making Efforts) – This past Thursday, another 2-person team departed for a month to continue exploring partnering with those pioneering disciple-making efforts in remote places and communities with few Christians in Nepal. Pray that their luggage will not be lost, like for the first group, and that they will have good health, safe journeys wherever they go. May the Lord, give them wisdom and discernment of the Holy Spirit's leading as they meet different people and go to different places.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	17	
English Service 8.30am	206	\$2,869.20
English Service 10.30am	543	
English Service 4.30pm	292	
Chinese Service livestream*	10	
Chinese Service 8.30am	86	\$895.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	81	\$698.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	62	\$997.00
Hokkien Service	50	\$1,209.00
Tamil Service	12	\$274.00
DHF	26	
TOTAL	1385	\$6,942.20

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer \$75,462.92

Weekly Total \$82,405.12

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,816.00
Weekly Total	\$4,816.00
Total expenses as of To-date	-\$2,310,978.89
Total General Projects Fund	\$4,010,150.14

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Bennett & Dns Larissa on the birth of their firstborn son, Tobias Tan Rui Heng on 20 Oct 2026!
2. Bro Tze-Ming is preaching this weekend at Mt. Carmel BP Church's Reformation Day services.
3. Ps Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.

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*

2026/27 Mid-Year Financial Review (1 Mar 26 - 31 Aug 26)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank God for another year of abundant provisions for His church and the ministries in Bishan!

In our General Missions Fund (“GMF”), we recorded a cash surplus of \$218,964 for the first 6 months of this FY26/27, as our collection (\$2,299,259) exceeded our total expenditure (\$2,080,295). We recorded an overall increase of \$67,511 in receipts compared to the same period last year (\$2,231,748), a reflection of the generous giving from our members. However, expenditure growth has slightly outpacing receipt growth, resulting in a lower cash surplus compared to the same period in FY25/26 (\$225,467).

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	Mar-Aug 2024	Mar-Aug 2025	Mar-Aug 2026
INCOME			
Offering	\$1,921,496	\$2,036,975	\$2,068,686
Govt Grants	\$4,043	\$12,169	\$19,430
Other Income	\$122,883	\$182,604	\$211,143
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,048,422	\$2,231,748	\$2,299,259
TOTAL OPERATING EXP	\$1,710,215	\$1,995,164	\$2,026,674
TOTAL CAPITAL EXP	\$9,298	\$11,117	\$53,621
TOTAL OP EXP + CAPEX	\$1,719,515	\$2,006,281	\$2,080,295
CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$328,907	\$225,467	\$218,964

Expenditures	FY25/26 Mar-Aug (Actual)	FY26/27 Budget (A)	FY26/27 Budget (6-mth) Mar-Aug	FY26/27 Mar-Aug (Actual) (B)	Run Rate (B/A)
Personnel Related	\$1,231,428	\$2,624,470	\$1,312,235	\$1,290,898	49%
Admin-Office	\$115,833	\$256,570	\$128,285	\$116,935	46%
Admin-Ministry	\$54,977	\$89,556	\$44,778	\$64,343	72%
Bldg Maintenance	\$90,351	\$274,633	\$137,317	\$84,504	31%
Worship	\$50,762	\$178,065	\$89,032	\$48,327	27%
Ministry Work	\$35,583	\$134,698	\$67,349	\$26,203	19%
Theological Edu	\$11,800	\$34,000	\$17,000	\$4,105	12%
Welfare	\$0	\$1,500	\$750	\$0	0%
Home Mission	\$96,373	\$233,116	\$116,558	\$78,802	34%
Foreign Mission	\$298,857	\$681,822	\$340,911	\$277,595	41%
Total Operating Exp	\$1,985,964	\$4,508,430	\$2,254,215	\$1,991,713	44%
Add Capital Exp	\$11,117	\$169,600	\$84,800	\$53,621	32%
Contingent Provision	\$9,200	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$34,961	23%
Net Cash Outflow	\$2,006,281	\$4,828,030	\$2,414,015	\$2,080,295	43%

The church approved a full-year budget of \$4,828,030 for FY26/27. In the first 6 months, we have spent 43% of the annual budget. We have some large budgeted capital expenditures are slated for 2H FY 26/27 which include AV expenditures to tie in with the A&A project. To meet our full-year budget requirement, we need a total collection of \$2,528,771 during the second half of FY26/27, which translates to approximately \$97,260 per week or a rise of 10% from our collections in the first half of FY 26/27.

We praise God for how He has been working in our church community. As of 31 August 2026, we have a communicant membership of 1,735, while we have a team of church staff with strength of 41 across the Church Office and The Living Room. Among our numerous ongoing ministry initiatives, we give thanks to God that The Living Room has reopened to the public in September 2026 with a fresh new look and an updated menu, and we encourage all members to drop by, visit, enjoy the space, and share your valuable feedback with us.

Our General Projects Fund (GPF) balance stands at \$3,975,601 (as of 31 Aug 2026), with total cumulative expenses of \$2,310,979 for our ongoing Additions and Alterations (A&A) Building Project. The A&A project is currently experiencing a temporary delay as we are in the process of obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals. We seek the members' prayers for wisdom for our project team and favour from the authorities as we work through this next phase of the project. The Session will inform members as we get better clarity on the progress of the project.

As we head into the second half of FY26/27, we continue to seek the Lord's wisdom and guidance for the work planned, and as we forecast our budget for FY27/28 and the years to come.

Please email any questions or comments to: judyso@zionbishan.org.sg.

Report by: The Session of Zion Bishan BP Church

Looking Ahead

Fri, 30 Oct

Prayer Meeting: 8.00pm

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 31 Oct

Church Anniversary: 4.30pm, Sanctuary

No Youth Fellowship

Sun, 1 Nov

Worship Services:

8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

1-2 Samuel

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

22 Nov -- After a Year in Samuel...

Ps Danny Chua

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!

Church Camp 2027: Praying with our King

What is your favorite Psalm? Why do you love it so much?

For three thousand years, God's people have prayed and sung the Psalms. As many church fathers put it, the Psalms are “the church's prayer book.”

In these 150 prayer songs, we find every season of the Christian's soul expressed honestly in raw form: joy and grief, trust and confusion, praise and lament. I believe the Psalms are God's grace to us – they are not just the Word of God teaching us *about* God. **No, the Psalms give us a prayer language for the mountains and valleys of our lived realities in this broken world to go to God.**

Personally, I've also been struck by the idea that Jesus Himself would have also grown up reading, singing and praying through this prayer book! As some have said, the Psalms “were the prayer book of Jesus”.¹

This makes total sense, especially given what we have been hearing through *King David's* life and words in our Samuel series. As David says out of his own experiences in various Psalms: “Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.” (34:5), and “On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.” (62:5)

¹ Hans-Joachim Kraus, *Theology of the Psalms*, trans. Keith Crim (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1986), 188.

Ultimately, what David experiences, falters in, and rejoices in – they are all fully realised in King Jesus. What an encouragement and joy the Psalms must have been to Jesus as He journeyed through them on His path of affliction to the Cross.

It is no wonder the Holy Spirit often uses the Psalms to assure us that our God understands our sorrows, is present with us as our refuge, and will bring a sure rescue one day – that was how He worked through King Jesus. I love how Dietrich Bonhoeffer states it, “Whenever the Psalter is abandoned, an incomparable treasure is lost to the Christian church. *With its recovery will come unexpected power.*”²

Next year, as our church family rediscovers our vision to #GetDeep in God’s Word, I have one prayer for us at Church Camp 2027: that God’s Word would not only shape our hearts and minds, *but draw us into the very life of Jesus and the Spirit.* Indeed, that it may draw us nearer to our God as we learn to pray with our King – the very words that He learnt and lived out in the valleys of sorrow and pain.

Would you join us on this journey together? Please prayerfully consider setting aside a few days in June 2027 with us at camp! (See announcements/bulletins for details).

² Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Prayerbook of the Bible*, in *Life Together; Prayerbook of the Bible*, ed. Geoffrey B. Kelly, trans. Daniel W. Bloesch and James H. Burtness, vol. 5 of *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005), 162.²

Announcements

SENIORS360 Dim Sum Hour

Enhancing Social Wellbeing

14 Nov (Sat) 10.15am, Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Mrs Sim Nga Hoon. She will help us understand the importance of social engagement for seniors to combat the negative effects of social isolation and loneliness, and suggest ways to enhance social wellbeing in senior adults.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by **7 Nov:**

<https://rebrand.ly/s360nov26>

Parking in Church on Saturdays

Please be reminded that the **church carpark is closed every Saturday from 6pm** to facilitate the setting up of the safe driving lanes on Sundays. Thank you for your kind understanding and support.

Church Camp 2027: Praying with Our King

Grief and Hope. Despair or Joy. King David's Psalms give us honest songs to sing along before our God. Let us draw near to Him in truth - whether in the desert or by fresh streams - through the "prayer book of the Church".

Dates: **11-14 June 2027**

Venue: **Four Points by Sheraton Desaru**

Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Ben Thompson (ETCAsia)**

Early bird registration begins next **Sun (1 Nov).**

Zion Bishan 32nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

31 Oct (Sat) 4.30pm @ Sanctuary

Buffet 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".

Adult Discipleship Class

UNBroken: A Reflective Kintsugi Workshop

Led by Phoon Ling Zi

Come on a journey of healing, reflection, and restoration through storytelling, scripture verses, journaling, and the art of Kintsugi. Explore how God meets us in our brokenness and transforms our wounds into testimonies of His redeeming grace. Participants will leave with a completed Kintsugi piece as a tangible reminder that our brokenness does not define us; instead, through Christ, we are restored, renewed, and deeply loved.

14 Nov (Sat) 9-11.30 am

Auditorium 1 and 2 (L4)

\$20 per pax (includes workshop materials)

Sign-up at bit.ly/4Be5T2i

Questions? Contact

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