



YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.  
ACTS 1:8

## ***Family Sunday***

**English Services & Livestream**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: All Praise to Him

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-19;31 ESV

Message: The Pursuer Pursued

Response Hymn: Amazing Grace

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Note: Holy Communion will be served at all services today.

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## 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.

<http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf>

## Our Sunday services at a glance

### In-Person Sunday Services

(Registration required):

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/services](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/services)

**8.30am** Mandarin/Cantonese service

**9.30am** Tamil/Hokkien service

**10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm**

English service

**11.30am** Mandarin-English service

### Join us for our livestream

[www.youtube.com/zionbishan](http://www.youtube.com/zionbishan)

**8.30am** Mandarin & Cantonese service

**10.30am** English service

### Join DHF Bible Study Groups

(Registration required):

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

**8.45am** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 1  
(English, Tagalog & Myanmar groups)

**2.30pm** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 2  
(Indonesian group)

**9.15pm** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 3  
(in English)

### Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

(Registration required):

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

### Songs for personal worship and reflection:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs)

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Mr Ng Zhiwen (10.30am & 1pm),  
Mr Quek Tze-Ming (3pm & 5pm)

### 10.30 am

*Service Coordinator:* Deacon Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Elder Foo Say Chiang

*AV:* Benny Ling, James Kok, Maybelline Tan. *Pianist:*

Goh Suling. *Vocalists:* Roxanne Foo, Francis Wong.

### 1.00 pm

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Elder David Leong

*AV:* Nathanael Kusanda, Yap Hong York,

Cassandra Chng. *Pianist:* Marc Yeong.

*Vocalists:* Deborah Yang, Chua Siang Chuan

### 3.00 pm

*Service Coordinator:* Jacqueline Lie

*Worship Leader:* Elder Michael Gan

*AV:* Darren Lee, Jared Koh.

*Pianists:* Koh Zhihui, Paul Low

*Vocalists:* Soon Dayong, Jeannette Thia

### 5.00 pm

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Chan Kin Yip

*AV:* Ewen Tjoeng, Kim Seo Yeon. *Pianist:* Phua Qi Qi

*Vocalists:* Priscilla Chew, Rachel Tan.

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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| Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>        | 9844 9536 |
| Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>              | 9829 6051 |
| Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor</i>              | 6353 8081 |
| Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>    | 8198 9696 |
| Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>      | 9489 4967 |
| 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</i>               | 9796 0196 |
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| Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>     | 9728 7145 |
| Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Trg/Mobilisation</i>     | 9788 0195 |
| Mr Linus Koe, <i>Family/Media</i>            | 9728 9343 |
| Dn Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>        | 9239 4160 |
| Dn Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>         | 9751 1897 |
| Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>     | 9060 8340 |
| Mr Ng Zhiwen, <i>Community Engagement</i>    | 9092 6095 |
| Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>    |           |
| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i> |           |

### Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

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# **The Pursuer Pursued**

Acts 9:1-31

## **Introduction**

### **On the road to Damascus (1 – 9)**

### **At Damascus (10 – 25)**

### **At Jerusalem (26 – 31)**

## **Conclusion**

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Review what you know about Saul (Acts 7:58-8:3). What further insights do you get about his pre-Jesus life from Acts 9:1-2; and Gal 1:13-14? How do you think he would describe what happened to him (see 1 Tim 1:12-17, and 2 Cor 4:6)?
2. What role does Ananias play in Saul's life and ministry? What role does Barnabas play? Has anyone played such roles in your life? Have you played such roles in anyone's life?
3. What do you learn about a life of obedience from the lives of Saul, Ananias, and Barnabas?
4. Do you have a personal testimony of God's grace and mercy? Share it with yourself (e.g. by journaling it) and with someone else.
5. What do you believe God has called you to do with your life? [If you are not sure, start praying on it.]

## Prayer Points

### Our Church

**LLRF** – has now crossed the \$7m mark! We thank God for all the faithful stewards of Zion Bishan who have given sacrificially to God's house. We have also received \$2.3m interest-free loans from our members. We thank God, and extend our appreciation too to Mount Hebron BP Church who have just handed us a cheque of \$1m as interest-free loan (not banked-in yet). We are very close to our target of \$11m for the amount needed for our lease renewal, including miscellaneous costs which has to be made by this August. We have written to the SLA and are awaiting their reply. Let us pray for a favourable offer from them.

**Music Ministry** – Thank God we are finally permitted to sing with masks at our worship services (unfortunately singing is still *not permitted* at other church activities)! Pray for Dns Jessica and our dedicated music teams as they attempt to reconfigure in order to return to play in person at the 4 English services. Do consider joining the teams if you are able to play an instrument. Please also understand that worship services will still need to be capped at 1hr in duration for the time being, but we look forward to further relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions in the future.

### Our People

**Peer Support** – Pray for our people in church to be emotionally well; and for those needing help to reach out to our

Peer Support ministry. Pray for God's grace and wisdom upon our Peer Supporters to come alongside others with His love. Thank God for the Contact Time on 10 Apr where the Peer Supporters continue to be regularly equipped.

### Our World

**India** – is seeing a phenomenal surge in COVID-19 cases. Lockdown has already begun in various states. Many schools and colleges have been ordered to close again. Pray particularly for 14 youths from 2 ministry partners who are taking major exams (their equivalent of 'O' & 'A' levels) in the midst of this.

**North East India** – Pray for healing for Rev BK Biswas, age 89, founding pastor of one of our partnerships here. He was admitted to hospital for breathing difficulties last Tuesday. He tested negative for COVID-19. Pray for strength and comfort in his frailty.

**Sambhu Rai** – Pray for him as he works on his PhD thesis amidst the coordination work that he has to do for the Lord here in India as Field Director. Pray also for his wife, who works as a nurse at a hospital with 600 COVID-19 patients. Pray for her protection, strength to serve her patients in wards that are "like a battlefield" and also for her to love her patients with Christ's love.

## Last Week

|                            | Attendance        | Offering (\$)        |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Good Friday Service</b> |                   |                      |
| BPCIS 10.30 Livestream     | *532              |                      |
| BPCIS Service#             | 232               |                      |
| Chinese 8.30 Livestream    | *30               |                      |
| Comb Chinese Service#      | 160               |                      |
| Tamil Service#             | 24                | 622.00               |
|                            | <b>978</b>        | <b>622.00</b>        |
| <b>Sunday Service</b>      |                   |                      |
|                            | <b>Attendance</b> | <b>Offering (\$)</b> |
| English 10.30 Livestream   | *169              |                      |
| English Service 10.30am    | 280               | 500.00               |
| English Service 1pm        | 194               |                      |
| English Service 3pm        | 222               |                      |
| English Service 5pm        | 164               |                      |
| Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream  | *46               |                      |
| Mand/Cant Service          | 149               | 5,536.00             |
| ME Service & Zoom          | 70                |                      |
| Hokkien Service            | 63                |                      |
| Tamil Service              | 24                | 1,376.00             |
| DHF                        | 21                |                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>1402</b>       | <b>\$7,412.00</b>    |

Attendance includes serving personnel

\*Peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer 80,094.39  
**WEEKLY TOTAL** **\$88,128.39**

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2021/22: \$65,298

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

**Total Received to-date** **\$282,517.17**  
 Giving Received from 29 Mar to 4 Apr \$240.00  
**Amount Disbursed to-date** **\$219,407.69**

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1701-1708 \$3,600.00  
 Electronic Transfer 157,855.75  
 Interest-free loan #LL028/21 50,000.00  
 Jewellers converted to cash 6,261.00  
**Weekly Total** **\$217,716.75**

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

**Total Gift Received To-Date** **\$7,101,427.47**  
**Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date** **\$2,303,000.00**

## Church Family News

1. Mr Lew Kai Chong, aged 79, went home to be with the Lord on 6 April 2021. He was husband of Lau Chai Lan (ZBCS), father of Dn James Lew Kian Peng (Emmanuel BPC), father-in-law of Lew Hong Mi (Staff at The Living Room) and grandfather to Valerie Lew (ZB, 3pm Congregation).

## Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

### General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

### To donate towards the ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund:

(Use GMF information above)  
 Indicate "CV19 MRF" in remarks

### To give towards the Land Lease Renewal Fund: General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Indicate "Land Lease Renewal  
 Fund" on back of cheque

(Please provide your CONTACT  
 NUMBER on each cheque)

## **Church Family News (cont'd)**

2. Mdm Ong Aik Kim (ZBCS), aged 86, went home to be with the Lord on 8 April 2021. She was the mother of Nancy Chan, grandmother to Carrie Ying and great-grandmother to Thaddeus Ying.

## **Looking Ahead**

### **Friday, 16 April**

**8 pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### **Saturday, 17 April**

**4 pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

### **Sunday, 18 April**

English Services:

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services-200pax](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services-200pax))

#### **10.30 am**

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Chuah Chin Yew

#### **1.00 pm**

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhiwen, Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

#### **3.00 pm**

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Alby Yip, Ps Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

#### **5.00 pm**

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Dev Menon, Eld Jeffery Lim & Eld Reginald Tan

## **2021 Sermon Series: Acts of the Apostles**

**18 Apr** Acts 9:32-10:48

Ps Alby & Ps Dev

**25 Apr** Acts 11:1-30

Ps Dev & Ps Vernon

**2 May** Acts 12:1-24

Ps Haoren & Dn Danny

**9 May** Acts 12:25-13:12

Ps Alby & Ps Haoren

## **Your Response**

11 April 2021

*Thank you for joining us today! If there's anything you would like the church to know, do reach out to us online or via email.*

Get in touch with us:

- If you are joining us for the first time
- to find out more
- to request prayer
- to provide feedback
- to send a word of encouragement

*You may find our response form [www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)*

*Or email us at [office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Confidential care & counselling matters, please email [care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.*

**THANK YOU YOUR RESPONSE!**

## Pause or Reset - First Anniversary

**One year** has passed since our nation embraced Circuit Breaker measures. In WIS Apr 2020, I had posed the question “*Should we maintain the attitude of riding through this pandemic and reverting to our usual intense lifestyles again?*” Eight months later, in WIS Dec 2020, I then queried “*Do we prefer the world we have found at the end of this year or do we still prefer the world we had left behind?*” Any thoughts?

Another four months have passed. Personally, I prefer the current “new world” ☺ It’s somewhat slower and healthier, saner even. We are now on another stage of the Phase 3 Circuit Breaker Reopening. Our pastors and ministry staff came together on Tuesday past for an in-person Staff Meeting, after a year of “Zooms”. I liked that, partly because we get to meet in the Chapel – more legroom for all.

So once more the question begs, “**Will things ever be the same again as in pre-Covid times?**” A research paper released in Jan 2021 had these findings: (1) *Disruption will accelerate* – the global impact of this pandemic will accelerate pre-existing transitions; (2) *Politics will become more turbulent* – fundamental questions about competence, nationalism, multilateralism, and democracy have resurfaced; (3) *Pandemic habits will persist* – we will see more robots, practice of telemedicine, and digital business & commerce; and (4) *Opportunities will abound* – in developing better healthcare systems & infrastructure, and tackling climate change. More details @<https://theconversation.com>

Well, we have to accept that things will never be the same again. We are in a “**Reset**” time zone in global history. Is this a new experience? Not at all, considering that the world has undergone 4 industrial revolutions and 3 eras of protestant missions in the last 250 years.

What is the main change at Zion Bishan? It is the way we do church, so to speak. The 7 Apr 2020 national Circuit Breaker implementation quickly led us to discover serious gaps in our pastoral care structure in the English Services. We immediately recognised the strengths of our Ethnic Services arrangements and learned from them. We have now more or less settled into four English Service Congregations.

How are we doing currently? Logistical arrangements are in place and we need to persist in being flexible and cautious in adapting to the gradual relaxation of rules and restrictions as a result of the national vaccination programme. As a Church, being the body of Christ remains unchanging. We have now an extended vision: *A City on a Hill, A Light to the Nations – **A Christ-witnessing Church with Multiple Congregations to serve Communities.*** That is what we aspire to be. May God help and enable us to live out the **spirit of One Church, Multiple Congregations!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Good News for Bruised Reeds Vol III: Colours of the Kingdom!

This book present stories of Christians struggling with issues of racism and xenophobia, and the stories of hope celebrating ethnicity and nationality in the Kingdom.

Co-edited by Zhiwen, with contributions by Ps Dev & others.

Get a copy at

<https://graceworks.com.sg/store>

### 30 Days of Prayer 2021

#### 13 Apr to 12 May

1. Join in prayer during the fasting month for those from our neighbouring faith, using a PDF daily prayer guide. Each individual/household to sign up separately. Free but donations welcome.

2. Join online prayer sessions organised by WEC Singapore on 15, 22, 29 Apr, and 6 May, 8.00-9.30pm (Thursdays).

Sign-up link for for prayer guide and sessions: [tinyurl.com/zb30days21](http://tinyurl.com/zb30days21)

For further information, please contact Darrell: [darrell@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:darrell@zionbishan.org.sg)

### Men's Ministry: Encountering God 24 April, 7.30-9.00am, Saturday, Chapel

Taking Charge: Called to Work (I)

Speaker: Dr Geoff Gorsuch (recorded)

What makes you feel God's pleasure at work? Register today and join us!

<https://forms.gle/HaWAO2Qdsr4v2TZ58>

### Worship Service Attendance

We seek all worshippers cooperation on three important matters:

1. **Please cancel your registrations early if you are unable to come.** There are many who would want to attend service but unable to as registrations are full. Your cooperation will allow others to come. Please contact any of your service coordinators if you are unable to cancel your tickets. We may have to suspend the bookings of those who consistently register and do not turn up for service.
2. **Please plan to arrive early.** We have noticed some come as late as 30 minutes into the service. We understand there may be emergencies, but we seek your understanding that late-comers will disrupt the worship service. Our serving personnel will need to attend to late-comers, and thus disrupt their time in worship. Let's honour God with a worship that is in spirit, truth and love.
3. We have noted that there are some who are not doing **SafeEntry via TraceTogether** app or token. We encourage all worshippers to download the TraceTogether app or collect and bring along your TraceTogether token. If you require assistance with downloading the app, please approach any of our Deacons or Staff who will be happy to help you.