



Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household. Acts 16:30-31

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English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Take My Life

Scripture Reading: Acts 25:23-26:23 ESV

Message: Paul Before King Agrippa

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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

8.30am Mandarin/Cantonese service

9.30am Tamil/Hokkien service

10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm

English service

11.00am Mandarin-English service

Join us for our livestream

www.youtube.com/zionbishan

8.30am Mandarin & Cantonese service

10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm English service

Join DHF Bible Study Groups

(Registration required):

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

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Mr Danny Chua (10.30 am & 1pm)

Mr Ng Zhiwen (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Ming

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

AV: Steve Nathan, Maybelline Tan, Steven Tan

Musician: Grace Ho (P)

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dns Tan Ee-Wern

Worship Leader: Eld. Sonny Tan

AV: Benny Ling, Jeffery Kow

Musician: Marc Yeong (P)

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

AV: Darren Lee, Bethia Soh. Paul Huang

Musicians: Paul Liew (O), Benn Tan (P)

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Timothy Ong

Worship Leader: Eld. Reginald Tan

AV: Matthaeus Lim, Ewen Tjoeng

Musician: Chee Qi Qi (P)

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 |
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| Mr Linus Koe, <i>Family/Media</i> | 9728 9343 |
| Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i> | 9239 4160 |
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| Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i> | 9060 8340 |
| Mr Ng Zhi-Wen, <i>Community Engagement</i> | 9092 6095 |
| Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i> | |
| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i> | |

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Paul Before King Agrippa

Acts 26

24 October 2021

Mr Danny Chua/Mr Ng Zhiwen

Our Resurrection Hope (v.1-8)

The Eye-Opening Message (v.9-23)

A True and Rational Faith (v.24-29)

Court Adjourned: “This man could have been set free...” (v.30-31)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What do you recall from the sermon? What was the main point from the passage?
2. Why does Paul explain the Gospel as “turning from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God”?
3. How does our resurrection hope give you confidence to testify for Jesus?
4. What would you say to someone who thinks you are “out of your mind” for your faith?

Prayer Points

Our Church

COVID-19 Situation in Zion Bishan – To date, we have sent out notices informing members about two positive cases that were present at our church premises. We thank God that the first person has fully recovered and the second is recovering well. It seems that the virus is coming closer to our community with the second case being at a worship service while infectious. In fact, there have been other close calls as well. Two families had been placed on quarantine or stay home orders. Quite a few people were identified as close contacts, and others were issued health risk warnings.

However, given our nation's position on an endemic COVID-19, this should come as no surprise as it is only a matter of time until we detect more cases among our worshippers coming for services.

So, as we encourage all who feel comfortable to do so to return for in-person worship and, in time, fellowship, let us continue to exercise caution and personal responsibility in protecting ourselves and our loved ones. As the Apostle Paul exhorts us in Phil 2:4 to be Christ-like, "let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Our People

Children's Ministry – Under updated guidelines, Children's Ministry teachers will have to undergo supervised FET (Fast and Easy Testing). Pray for all who need to handle the administration and

preparations needed to resume CD classes in person.

Healthcare Workers – Continue praying for our nation's frontline workers, including many from our church family, as hospital capacities remain stretched.

Our World

North India – Children's camps are being organised by our partner's teams in various regions. Pray for the good organisation of these camps, and for attendees to be blessed with God's love and joy and for their faith to grow. Pray also for the smooth completion of a city church in its final face of construction. Pray for firm faith of our partners and local believers. They face many challenges from putting their faith in Christ.

Myanmar – A 16 year old girl, a church member with our partner, has a damaged valve in her heart. Pray for a suitable hospital and surgeon to be found quickly as she is currently feverish and her oxygen levels are unstable.

Nepal – Brother B will be joining us via Zoom on 29 Oct, Friday for our Missions Prayer Night. Pray for good attendance and a fruitful time of sharing and praying together for the work there. We thank God for Brother B's good work in serving vulnerable children and families. Pray that God will strengthen the faith of believers in our partner's churches. We thank God for opportunities to serve them through online training programmes. May God provide our partner with more workers.

Last Week

| Sunday Service | Attendance | Offering (\$) |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| English Service Livestreams# | 368 | |
| English Service 10.30am | 51 | |
| English Service 1pm | 31 | |
| English Service 3pm | 34 | |
| English Service 5pm | 39 | |
| Mand/Cant Livestream# | 72 | |
| Mand/Cant 8.30# | 31 | |
| ME Service & Zoom | 54 | |
| Tamil Service | 13 | |
| DHF | 21 | |
| TOTAL | 714 | - |

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer 50,961.35
WEEKLY TOTAL \$50,961.35

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$330,354.73
 Giving Received from 11 Oct – 17 Oct 4,609.50
Amount Disbursed to-date 261,299.98

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1774-5 60.00
 Electronic Transfer 9,207.25
Weekly Total \$9,267.25
 (Weekly Target: \$118,238)
Total Gift Received To-Date \$8,119,350.04
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$3,908,000.00

Church Family News

1. Mr Quek Tze-Ming is preaching at Bethany Evangelical Free 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 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

Looking Ahead

Friday, 29 Oct

8.00pm: Zoom Missions Prayer Night “Nepal Calling”
(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)

Saturday, 30 Oct

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

5:00pm: Zion Bishan 27th Anniversary Service
(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf)

Sunday, 31 Oct

English Worship Services

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax)

10.30am

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

1.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhi-Wen, Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

3.00pm

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

5.00pm

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

Acts Series

31 Oct A Sea Voyage
Ps Alby

7 Nov Shipwreck on Malta
Ps Dev/Mr Ng Zhiwen

14 Nov The End?
Ps Vernon

21 Nov Acts Review & Reflection
Ps Alby

Your Response

24 Oct 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

Or email us at office@zionbishan.org.sg

Confidential care & counselling matters, please email care@zionbishan.org.sg

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

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

Courage Calls

When the *Courage Calls* conference ended, I immediately took off for a break. It had been an intense 10 weeks of organizing this missions mobilization event. We'd thought we were all set to hold it on-site with all the safe management measures in place. But then news of the Stabilization Phase came just one week before the event itself! We scrambled and pivoted most of the activities online, while onsite gatherings (only one a day) were run in hybrid format - not live-streamed but on ZOOM with 2-way communication.

In the light of the disruptions, we didn't know how many would decide not to come. From the get-go we were already not seeking a large turnout. There was no publicity blitz, and no mention of who the speakers would be. And to 'turn people away even more', the express theme of the Conference would be about Suffering and Persecution for Christ, and about heeding God's call to serve Him in the 'hard places' around the world. I reckon we wanted only as many as the Lord had prepared and within what we could take safely. We had to just trust and obey.

I can't give you the details of all that had happened at the Conference, but let me just mention the final gathering. We heard an elderly woman, who got called to serve in Southeast Asia at the age of 70, share honestly about how she was scared when she received the call, but God gave her courage and she has been pressing on over the last 8 years.

I witnessed dozens of people in the sanctuary, getting down on their knees – the pew they had been seated on became a prayer altar. Those joining in on Zoom likewise got down and prayed upon their chairs. And when the altar call came – a call to full obedience to the Lord wherever He would send you – almost everyone on site responded. Those on Zoom were invited to join a breakout room, where a prayer minister would be available to pray with him or her. I was at the PA console hosting the Zoom meeting and urgently moving people across breakout rooms to ensure that everyone had someone to pray with. I'd never seen an online altar call before, and much rarer have I witnessed such a response.

I needed the break time to reflect on all that had happened. What had just happened? I think it's simply this, that in spite of the pandemic the Lord has been preparing the hearts of His servants of all ages (but especially young adults) to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. It was our blessing to play a part by hosting *Courage Calls* and to see God at work. It helped make the book of Acts come more alive! Some of our members attended, and I am praying for each of them, that what God had planted in their hearts during those days will bear lasting fruit wherever He leads.

Courage Calls was a missions conference held on 30 Sep – 2 Oct 2021, organized by the Fellowship of Missional Organisations in Singapore and hosted by Zion Bishan.

2021/2022 Mid-Year Financial Review

REPORT BY THE SESSION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank God that He has been faithfully providing for the needs of Zion Bishan amidst the unprecedented circumstances we find ourselves in!

For the first 6 months of this financial year, **our offering (\$1,641,139) and other income (\$160,153) to the General & Missions Fund (GMF) exceeded our expenses (\$1,293,333) by \$507,959** (see Income & Expenditure table). It was heartening that God's people continued to give so generously during this trying time. A significant roll-back in our planned expenditure plus contributions from the government's Job Support grant helped to see us through the first half year with a healthy surplus.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

| | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Mar – Aug 2021 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | | | | |
| Offering | \$3,016,234 | \$3,071,774 | \$3,035,625 | \$1,641,139 |
| Govt Grants | \$31,350 | \$8,332 | \$316,014 | \$106,413 |
| Other Income | \$83,606 | \$90,878 | \$48,817 | \$53,740 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$3,131,190 | \$3,170,984 | \$3,400,456 | \$1,801,292 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXP | \$2,848,140 | \$2,854,943 | \$2,388,172 | \$1,289,365 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL EXP | \$18,185 | \$33,897 | \$39,146 | \$3,968 |
| TOTAL OP EXP + CAPEX | \$2,866,324 | \$2,888,840 | \$2,427,318 | \$1,293,333 |
| CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | \$264,866 | \$282,144 | \$973,138 | \$507,959 |

Thus far, we have spent 38% of the budget approved at the Feb 2020 ECM. Usually, underspending at mid-year is because most of the expenses tend to occur in the second half of the financial year. Covid19 has continues to put a lot of uncertainty to our plans and has resulted in a lot of planned expenditure being shelved. We continue to seek the Lord's provision and hope to end the financial year without any deficit.

Currently, we have a communicant membership of 1465.

Our Church office currently has 24 pastoral, ministry and admin staff and 5 apprentices, the Living Room has 5 full-time and 2 part-time staff, and ZBK has a total 18 staff. Let us continue to remember these labourers - who anchor the ongoing ministries - in prayer, and serve together with them.

Member Attendees & Collection by Years

| | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Mar 21– Aug 21 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Members as at last day of Feb | 1344 | 1388 | 1432 | 1465 |
| % Increase in Members | 5.33% | 3.27% | 3.17% | 2.30% |
| Avg Adult Attendees | 1139 | 1130 | n.a.* | n.a.* |
| % Incr/(decr) in Attendees | 4.50% | -0.79% | n.a.* | n.a.* |
| % Attendees to Members | 84.75% | 81.41% | n.a.* | n.a.* |
| Total Collection | \$3,016,234 | \$3,071,774 | \$3,035,625 | \$1,641,139 |
| Avg Offering per Attendees per month | \$220.68 | \$226.53 | | |

* Due to the COVID-19 situation, services were both in Live-stream and in-person, therefore unable to get the average adult attendees

As for the **Land Lease Renewal**

Fund, we have collected **\$11,854,584 as at 31 August 2021** and we are currently waiting for the lease renewal figure from the government authorities after submission for lease renewal. Our land lease officially expires on June 2022.

Please email questions or comments you may have to: judyso@zionbishan.org.sg

Announcements

Next Step Towards The New Normal

Session met on 19 Oct to deliberate, amongst other matters, our worship services in the light of our observations in September and October. Session is convicted that we need to be good stewards of God's resources and also to urgently address the negative impact of not being able to have regular church worship and activities across all ages and ethnicity. Hence, to enable our children and youths to have regular church-based activities, our worshippers to return more regularly, and to maximize our resources, we will conduct only 250-Persons Vaccinated Only Worship Services for all services. This does not apply to those services which originally do not exceed 50 persons.

We still encourage non-vaccinated worshippers to join us. But as per government regulations, you would need to undergo a Pre-Event Testing (PET) no earlier than 24 hours before you come for service on Sunday. We would like to support you in this PET requirement. The church leaders will reach out to those whom we know to be unvaccinated. We encourage others who are unvaccinated to reach out to us too so that none will be left out.

Most importantly, we may all return in-person to worship God, and in time, have more meaningful fellowship. Above all, let us pray earnestly for God's mercy to restore all things on earth, or if not, may His Son our Lord Jesus return soon.

Register for English Worship Services
www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax

Missions Prayer Night "Nepal Calling" 29 Oct, 8.00-9.20pm, Friday

Come hear Brother B share his heart for the unreached children and their families in remote highland areas of Nepal.

Register: www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Zion Bishan 27th Anniversary Service 30 Oct, 5.00pm, Saturday, Sanctuary

We will be holding a combined ethnic service for 200pax (vaccinated) in-person and on livestream. **Register by today!**

Register: zionbishan.org.sg/27anv

Livestream: zionbishan.org.sg/27live

Learn how to sign the chorus of our closing hymn "Behold Our God":

www.zionbishan.org.sg/HIMtutorials

Men's Ministry Retreat 2021 Brokenness to Brotherhood 4 Nov, 8.00am-6.00pm, Thursday (PH)

Speaker: Ps Hon Chin Foang

Venue: Village Hotel Bugis*; Fee: \$80

Register: zionbishan.org.sg/mm2021

*Venue may change to Zion Bishan depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

Ministry Behind the Money 13 Nov, 10.00am, Saturday, Zoom

Our annual budget dialogue will resume this year. 15 ministries will be presenting. Communicant members may register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/mbtm

Women of Zion (WOZ): Retreat to Build Resilience 13 Nov, 2.00-5.30pm, Saturday, Zoom

Speaker: Mrs Alison Lim .

To register, contact Lydia at 8338 3982
 A Zoom link will be provided.