

# Every Member Mature in Christ

For This We Toil & Struggle



## PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

#getdeep  
In God's Word



## GOSPEL CULTURE

#getreal  
With One Another



## MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

#getsent  
For The Kingdom

## ENGLISH SERVICES

VOL 15 NO 2  
14 January 2024

### Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

[ MORNING ]

Worship in Songs: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less; All I Have is Christ;  
The Servant King

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (ESV)

Message: Personal Discipleship Revisited

Response Hymn: We Are One

[ AFTERNOON ]

Worship in Songs: O Church Arise; By Our Love

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:1-7 (ESV)

Message: The Weak & The Strong

Response Hymn: Oh How Good It Is

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

	<i>page</i>
TODAY	2
SERMON NOTES	3
PRAYER POINTS	5
CHURCH FAMILY NEWS	6
LOOKING AHEAD	7
WORD IN SEASON	8
ANNOUNCEMENTS	10

## 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:

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

**8.45am DHF 1A** (in English, for all nationalities) *in-person at Room 103 (and upon request via Zoom)*

**8.45am DHF 2** (in Myanmar language) *in-person in The Living Room and via Zoom*

**2.00pm DHF 3** (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

**8.45pm DHF 1B** (in English, for all nationalities) *upon request via Zoom*

### **Children/Youth Discipleship Classes**

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

## Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

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

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Mr Joel Khoo (8.30am & 10.30am)  
Ps David Wong (4.30pm)

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Justin Low

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tay Beng Hwee

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 2

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Charles Chia

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 2

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 2

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by [@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:@zionbishan.org.sg)

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>dev</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien/Mand)</i>	<i>paul</i>
Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc. Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc. Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Ministry</i>	<i>vanessa</i>
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	<i>joel</i>
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	<i>timothy</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

### **Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:**

[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

**Personal Discipleship Revisited**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Mr Joel Khoo

( 8.30am & 10.30am )

**Introduction**

*Paul's Authentic Gospel Ministry*

**Speaking the Gospel Genuinely (v1-6)**

**Sharing Themselves Authentically (v6-8)**

**Showing Love Sacrificially (v9-12)**

**Conclusion — Our Hope for Personal Discipleship**

*For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy.*

*[1 Thess 2:19-20]*

**Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. What has been your experience with personal discipleship so far?
  - a. If you haven't yet been personally discipled, what holds you back?
  - b. If you have, how have you benefited from being personally discipled?  
How does that encourage you in your discipleship journey?
2. How has 1 Thessalonians 2 encouraged you to think differently about discipleship (both your own and of others)? What will you do differently in your discipleship this year?

## **The Weak & The Strong**

Romans 15:1-7

### **Aging or Maturing?**

#### **1. Church is People (Rom 16:1-16)**

**a) Different Backgrounds**

**b) Diverse Community**

#### **2. Church in Tension (Rom 14: 1-10)**

**a) Different Views**

**b) Diversity in Unity**

#### **3. Church on Mission (Rom 15: 1-7)**

**a) Welcome One Another**

**b) Build Up One Another**

**c) Glorify God Together**

### **One Compelling Reason**

### **Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. Am I part of a community? How have people help or hinder me in my growth towards maturity?
2. Am I part of a mission? How may I reach out to welcome and build people in need?
3. What is your "one compelling reason" to be part of a missional community?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our People**

**Brother S. Rai** - We praise God that brother S, our local field director in India was ordained this past week as a Minister of the Gospel. Pray for God's clear leading as he seeks the Lord's will for his future ministry. In addition, may the Lord empower brother S with His strength for the journey ahead, whether in India, Nepal or the UK.

**SA & J** - On 31 Dec, we had a prayer point for this newlywed couple, who are preparing themselves for gospel work in the Philippines. Praise God that the knee injury J sustained in early Dec is now healing well, after surgery in the Philippines on 22 Dec. In addition, we thank God for His provision of all the finances needed for their medical expenses.

### **Our Denomination**

**Emmanuel BP** - Do pray for Pastor David Leong and Pastor Dev as they preach every Sunday morning at Emmanuel BP through the book of Hebrews, over the next 5 months. May God's Word minister to the saints. Continue to pray that more of our members will go over to support the church there on a regular basis.

### **Our World**

**Japan** - (Reuters, 2 Jan) A magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck Ishikawa prefecture in central Japan on New Year's day's afternoon, killing at least 55 people and causing nearly 100,000 people to evacuate from their homes in wintry conditions. On 2 Jan (Tue), a coast guard aircraft en route to deliver aid to the quake-hit region collided with a commercial airplane in Tokyo's Haneda airport, killing five coast guards on board. Pray for all who were displaced or suffering, that they will be able to find adequate shelter, provisions, and help.

**Indonesia** - Our partner reported in his annual report for 2023 that 2973 people heard the gospel, with 209 who made decisions to follow Christ and 106 baptisms. Praise God for the 55 house churches formed and the 108 discovery groups formed this year. A story was also told of reconciled relationships through the transformation that the gospel brought to a family here. May the Lord of the Harvest continue to bring His light and peace to a world in darkness and brokenness, especially to the unreached in Indonesia.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	23	
English Service 8:30am	160	\$27,062.00
English Service 10:30am	489	
English Service 4:30pm	234	
Chinese Service livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	93	\$3,300.80
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	64	\$511.00
ME Service	70	\$1,548.00
Hokkien Service	50	\$360.00
Tamil Service	11	\$263.00
DHF	27	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>\$33,044.80</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Use of Premises	\$240.00
Electronic Transfer	\$75,395.40
ZBTS New Year Service	\$937.75
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$109,617.95</b>

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,000.98

### GENERAL PROJECT FUND

Gift No: 0001	\$600.00
Electronic Transfer	\$4,220.50
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$4,820.50</b>

### LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND as at 31/12/2023

<b>TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$10,174,599.03</b>
------------------------------------	------------------------

## Church Family News

1. Ps Vernon is on reservist until 19 Jan 2024 (Friday).
2. Ps Alby is preaching at Faith BP Church this morning. He will be teaching a BGST class on Conflict Resolution this Wednesday (17 Jan)
3. Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BP 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 Project Fund**



DBS Current A/C: **070-901055-5**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGPF**

**ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF**

Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque

## Looking Ahead

### Friday, 19 Jan

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Saturday, 20 Jan

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sunday, 21 Jan

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am**  
and **4.30pm**

### The Next Lap Series

**21 Jan - Missional Communities -**

**Why Help Other Churches**

*Ps David Wong (8.30am & 10.30am)*

**Personal Discipleship**

**(Lessons Learned)**

*Joel Khoo (4.30pm)*

**28 Jan – Gospel Culture**

*Quek Tze-Ming*

## Your Response

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 at [zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://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.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE.

## **Mature in Christ: A Hearing Heart**

Last week, we dedicated our Congregational Shepherding Teams to a new year of ministry. The primary aim of our ministry is to present every-one mature in Christ. That should be the aim of every one of us as well, because we need to take *personal responsibility for our own maturity*.

That means we desire not to remain as 'spiritual babies' or stagnant in our growth. But that at the end of each year, we can look back and say that we have grown to become more like Jesus.

What does maturity look like? I want to touch on just one aspect here, which I think is of fundamental importance: To grow in our love for our Father in Heaven.

One of the men who disciplined me 20 years ago called it having a **Hearing Heart**. He introduced me to Isaiah 50:4-5 -

*The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.*

*Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as  
those who are taught.*

*The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.*

A study of this text will show that this is Jesus (the Messiah) speaking. He made it a habit of listening to God, letting His Father in heaven awaken his ear *morning by morning*. Jesus had a heart that was taught (or trained) to listen to God; First and foremost, to God. When you have this... you've got intimacy.

Not only that, whatever Jesus heard from His Father, He was not rebellious towards it. He trusted and obeyed. That's the heart of Discipleship.



I believe that every day our Father in Heaven speaks to us. He is always wanting to speak to His children, to share His heart with them. When our Father speaks: He may address our inner life; He may assure us of His love; He may confront us about some sin, wanting only to refine and purify; He may reveal to us His thoughts and passions.

The thing is that we get to cultivate a personal relationship with the Father. What a privilege!

How do we hear from the Father and figure out that the voice in our heart is His? We learn His ways by getting deep into His Word – it is through Scripture that our Father speaks and reveals what He is like. When He speaks to us in our heart by the Spirit, it will always be consistent with what He has already said in Scripture.

I pray that in this year ahead, we commit to having a daily discipline of hearing God, morning by morning; and thus cultivate a hearing heart.

*Note: Here's a simple personal devotional guide that you can use each day. Download it at: [https://bit.ly/HearingHeart\\_Personal\\_Devotional\\_Guide](https://bit.ly/HearingHeart_Personal_Devotional_Guide)*

## Announcements

### CATECHISM CLASS

For baptism, reaffirmation  
and transfer of members

Starting **Feb 17 (Sat) 1.30 - 3.00pm**

#### Table Hosts Needed

Come alongside new members and friends,  
helping them to begin well in their journey  
of following Jesus and in the Zion Bishan  
family.

Contact **Ps Dev (dev@zionbishan.org.sg)**  
or **Dns Deborah Lee (9062 5348)**  
to sign up or find out more.

### ZB YOUTH MINISTRY

ZB Youth Ministry is calling for youths to be  
connected to the ZB church family — join  
us for Youth Fellowship on Saturdays, and  
Youth Discipleship group on Sundays.

For parents of youths, our annual contact-  
time will be held on 21 Jan, Sun 1pm at the  
Chapel. And if you'd like to find out how  
you can serve our ZB youths, speak with  
**Jacqueline (93227629)**, **Dns Ee-Wern** or  
**Dns Larissa**.

### New Book by Pastor David Wong



#### **Mentoring Stories**

Available in Fellowship Hall at \$20 each.  
This week at **4.30pm** only.

### IMPACT AUS 2024

Whether as students or graduates, work is  
a major issue. What is the right attitude to  
have in our studies or when we start work?  
Should Christians aim for excellence? How  
does the gospel change our attitude to  
work?

*Impact Australia is an annual conference  
which aims to encourage Singaporeans  
studying in Australia or graduating from  
Australia to live for Christ.*

**26 Jan 2024 (Fri) 10.30am to 1pm**

**Speaker:** Darius Tng

**Venue:** Aperia, The Annex #04-29  
12 Kallang Ave 339509

**Price:** \$15 per person (Lunch is provided)

### BGST COURSES AY2023 SEMESTER 2

Deepen your understanding of biblical  
studies, theology, or practical ministry.  
Semester 2 courses are now open for  
registration at [courses.bgst.edu.sg](https://courses.bgst.edu.sg)

**Email Tze-Ming**

**(tzeming@zionbishan.org.sg)**

for information on vouchers.