# **Every Member Mature in Christ**

# For This We Toil & Struggle



#### YOUTH SUNDAY

ENGLISH SERVICES

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### Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

#### Worship in Songs

AM: Never Once; By Our Love; What a Friend We Have in Jesus PM: There is One Gospel; We are One; One Voice

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17 (NIV)

Message: A Community of Friends

Response Hymn: We Are One (AM); The Servant Song (PM)

Mission 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: <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf</u>

#### 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

**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
2.30pm 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: <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd</u>

### Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements: <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts</u>

# Serving You Today

Speaker: Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn (Graceworks)

#### 8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee Vocalist & Musicians: Youth Team

#### 10.30am

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew Vocalist & Musicians: Youth Team

#### 4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan Vocalist & Musicians: Adhoc Band

#### Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: user ID followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

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

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#### **A Community of Friends**

John 15:9-17

### A. The importance of spiritual friendship

John 15: 9 – 17

Spiritual friendship is a relationship of mutuality and intimacy rooted in a common friendship with Christ and characterised by a commitment to help the other follow Christ. (Adapted by a definition by James Calvin Davis)

# B. The components of spiritual friendship

- 1. Time
- 2. Acceptance
- 3. Sacrificial love
- 4. Full disclosure

In spiritual friendship we experience the gospel we preach

# C. The fruits of Christian friendship

- 1. Remaining in Christ
- 2. Bearing fruit that lasts
- 3. Withstand spiritual attack

# D. The platforms for spiritual friendship

- 1. Social groups
- 2. Small groups
- 3. Micro groups (e.g. 3-2-1)

#### E. Friendship and evangelism

# **Prayer Points**

# **Our People**

Youth Sunday - As we celebrate the intergenerational diversity in our church this Youth Sunday, let us pray for our youths. Pray against worldly distractions and negative influence from social media. Pray for our youths to grow deep in their relationship with Jesus, amidst today's secularised society, to point one another and their friends to Jesus. May each youth platform in ZB (e.g. YF, YD, Youth camp) be centered around the gospel. Pray also for those ministering to our youths, from parents to YD leaders, from YF leaders to camp committees, for patience and joy as they persevere in holding out Jesus.

Joel Khoo - He started 3 years of full-time theological studies at the Evangelical Theological College of Asia (ETCAsia) on 18 June. Pray that his time at college will equip him well for Gospel ministry. He hopes that the truths he will learn will not only shape his mind, but also grow his heart for God's work, equipping him better to serve the church when he completes his studies.

Sister KY – She has returned to her field of service after spending a month here. Please pray for smooth and speedy adjustment to life and the heat which is expected to be in the region of 40 degree and above! She covets our prayer for 1) full recovery from a lingering cough 2) courage to handle new responsibilities as Centre Manager which is on top of her ongoing ministry in counselling and discipleship and 3) God's shalom upon her family members back home.

# **Our Denomination**

Land Lease Renewals - We thank God that our sister churches, Hebron BP (CCK) & Moriah BP (Simei) have both successfully renewed their 30-year leases at a similarly much lower than expected quantum. God indeed has given our denomination a new lease of life, so we pray that we will use this next season well!

Zion Serangoon BPC - Thank God for our mother church who celebrated their 67th anniversary last Sunday. We pray that they will continue to proclaim Christ to the Serangoon Garden estate and beyond, as they prepare themselves to be 'Tavistock Ready' in anticipation of the upcoming MRT station!

# Our World

**Indonesia trip** – Praise God for a fruitful time of reconnection and refreshment for this group of Alumni, their families (24 adults and 13 children) and our church team. This was the first gathering of Alumni from this region. It was very good for all of them to fellowship, worship and pray together over 2 days. May the Lord continue to bless their work in this western island of Indonesia with fruit from the harvest.

West Asia trip – Thank God that the team of 10 who left on 20 June, with 2 from our Church has completed their Lebanon leg of the trip. Pray that their time in Egypt will be a fruitful one in helping them see where the wider church can be supporting God's work there.

# Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	20	
English Service 8:30am	183	\$902.85
English Service 10:30am	460	
English Service 4:30pm	215	
Chinese Service livestream*	1	
Chinese Service 8:30am	89	\$1,086.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	68	\$744.00
ME Service	66	\$1,124.00
Hokkien Service	60	\$5,324.00
Tamil Service	15	\$321.00
DHF	26	
TOTAL	1203	\$9,501.85
*Livestreaming peak concurrent view	vers	
Electronic Transfer		\$30,508.46
Weekly Total Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/	/25: \$82,235	\$45,719.15
GENERAL PROJECTS FUND		
Electronic Transfer		\$5,105.00
Weekly Total		\$5,105.00

# **Church Family News**

Total Gift Received To-Date

- 1. Ps Vernon is on overseas leave from 25 30 June
- 2. Our deepest condolences to the following families:
  - a) Harry Tan and sons, Harrison and Nathan on the Homegoing of wife and mother, the late Mdm Suzanne Cheong on 21 June 2024, aged 60.

\$183,710.06

- b) Goh Han Teck & Su Ling and daughters, Katelyn and Anna on the Homegoing of father/father-in-law/grandfather, the late Mr Goh Kok Cheong on 22 June 2024, aged 86.
- Lee Bak Hee & Jeraldine on the Homegoing of sister/sister-in-law, the late Mdm Jenny Lee on 24 June 2024, aged 61.

# 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

# Looking Ahead

Fri, 5 July 8.00pm: Prayer Meeting Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm</u>

<u>Sat, 6 July</u> 4.00pm: Youth Fellowship Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sq/yf</u>

<u>Sun, 7 July</u> Worship Services at 8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

### **Missions Month**

7 July – The Pursuit of Missions Ps Dev Menon The Privilege of Missions

Ps Ng Zhiwen

# 14 July – The Privilege of Missions

Ps Ng Zhiwen

What on Earth is God Doing? Rev William Taylor

21 July – The Cost of Missions Mr Lawrence Tong

28 July – The Challenge of Missions Mr Eugene Wee

## 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

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.

# A Word in Season

#### **BPCIS UPDATE, 30 JUNE 2024**



**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED?** Imagine an ocean liner sailing from 1914, before the World Wars, into the new millennium, till 2009, before it morphed into a "ship hotel" berthed on reclaimed land. Such is the amazing story of MV Doulos, for a time owned by Operation Mobilisation (OM), taking the gospel to 601 ports in 108 countries around the world!

In a week's time, 70 pastors, elders and ministry leaders will meet in Bintan, in the refurbished ship, for our annual BPCIS Retreat (8-9 July). Appropriately, our speaker is Lawrence Tong, International Director of OM, and our theme "Mission Accomplished—Not Yet" comes from the words of Jesus:

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matt 24:14 ESV The gospel has yet to reach every ethnic group, but with the pace of globalization, the reach of the internet, and the mass movements of peoples, will it happen in our generation?

**MISSION NEEDS PEOPLE.** The month of camps is over. Thank the Lord for our churches that crossed straits to Malaysia and Indonesia to bond as a community and to refocus on our mission. Almost every one of our 11 churches is calling for more staff, both ministry and pastoral staff. This is a good sign; it shows that God's work is growing.

But it's good only when the call is heeded. The Apostle Paul teaches that Christ, the head of the Church, gave gifts: "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...." Eph 4:8, 11-12 ESV. Do we believe that to every local church Christ the head has given gifted men and women to serve, equip and build up the body?

Recently I have been encouraged to hear of young people planning to go into vocational ministry ("full-time ministry") after serving out their bonds, and older ones planning early retirement to go for theological studies to serve in lay capacity (without remuneration). If you believe the Lord is calling you, there are apprenticeship programmes in our churches where you can serve for a limited period while seeking God's direction. Contact me for details.

**LOOKING FORWARD.** Pastors' Wives Fellowship will meet Saturday, 6 July. BPCIS Games Day will take place Saturday 20 July. Our post-Retreat no-agenda lunch will follow on Tuesday 6 August. Finally, our Annual Presbytery Meeting will be held on Saturday 21 September, with guest speaker Tim Weerasekera on "AI and Implications for Church and Ministry". Please uphold these events with your prayers and participation.

Pastor David Wong General Secretary, BPCIS GenSecBPCIS@qmail.com

## **Announcements**

#### **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 class on Sundays. Speak with **Jacqueline (93227629), Dns Ee-Wern or Dns Larissa,** if you know someone in their teens interested to join, or if you'd like to find out how you can serve our ZB youths.

Youth Camp 2024 — Save the dates! This year, Youth Camp will be happening from 16 – 21 Dec, Mon - Sat. More details and registration will be shared in Q3.

#### **Project Timothy 2024 Conference**

Venue: Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church Speaker: Rev William Taylor

Evening Expositions on 1 Cor 15 10 - 11 July (Wed - Thu), 7pm

Ministry Matters -"Is Full-Time Gospel Ministry for me?" (1 Tim 3) 13 July (Sat) 9am - 1pm

Visit **projecttimothy.com/events** to sign up or for more details

# English as Second Language (ESL) Class Registration

### 15 & 22 July 2024 (Mon), 10.45am – 12pm at Chapel, Level 4

Free English classes are held for women every Monday, 10am to 12pm except school holidays and public holidays.

Non-refundable admin fee of \$10 will be collected at registration. The textbook for 2 years usage is sold at \$56 (subject to change).

Contact **Cynthia Ng** at **9857 7696** for any enquiries.

### ZB Looking into Full Time (LIFT)

Have you ever considered the possibility of full-time Gospel ministry? Come find out more at our annual Zion Bishan **'Looking Into Full-Time' (LIFT) dialogue session.** Meet others who are also exploring this path and hear more from those who are currently on this journey!

Sign up at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/ZionBishanLIFT</u>