

*“If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself,
take up his cross daily
and follow me.”*



Luke 9:23

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: O Jesus I Have Promised; Hear The Call of the Kingdom; On That Day

PM: Come People of the Risen King; Jesus, Hope of the Nations; What Grace is Mine

Scripture Reading: John 12:1-8 (NIV)

Message: The Cost of Mission: Worship

Response Hymn: For the Cause

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:

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

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: 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

Serving You Today

Speaker: Mr Lawrence Tong

Lawrence has served with Operation Mobilisation (OM) as country leader for Taiwan, Director of Logos II and on the Board of OM Singapore. He currently serves as International Director since being appointed in 2013.

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Lim Nan

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Mervyn Phan

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang

Worship Leader: Dn Herman Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Music PM Team 3

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
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
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>	9751 1897
Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc Pastor (Tamil)</i>	8198 9696
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
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

The Cost of Mission: Worship

John 12:1-8

Introduction: The essence of missions is about Jesus who is the centre of it all.

1. Missions is about Serving Jesus

2. Serving Jesus is True Worship

3. True Worship is Costly

Conclusion: Jesus is worthy of it all.

Discussion Questions:

1. Reflecting on the sermon's message, how do you personally interpret the concept of mission as worship? Can you share an instance where you felt the cost of your worship or service to God was particularly high, and how did you reconcile that with your faith?
2. The sermon emphasizes that true worship is costly and cannot be measured by human standards. How do you distinguish between a genuine act of worship and one that is merely a routine or obligation? What personal practices or experiences help you deepen your understanding of true worship?
3. The stories of missionaries like Nate Saint and Dr. Helen Rossvere highlight extreme sacrifices and hardships. When faced with adversity or suffering in your spiritual journey, how do you find strength and maintain your faith? What role does the concept of Christ's worthiness play in sustaining you during these challenging times?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ESL Ministry – Thank God for the break in June for both students and teachers. Classes resumed this past Monday and praise God for the many who re-registered for the new semester. Pray for the teachers to be renewed each week as they labour to love the students by drawing them to know Jesus through the teaching of English.

The Cost of Mission - Missions is about serving Jesus and it begins from our worship of Him. Pray for our heart's response to the message we have heard today be one where we will increasingly recognise Jesus' supreme worth in our lives, and in our worship of Him labour towards the end where we see our families, communities and the nations come to worship Him.

Our World

India – Praise God for His unwavering support and protection for one partner last month as they were able to complete summer camps for children in 16 locations. Pray for God's provision and protection for another 4 summer camps (Children) in the coming days. In the Hindi Belt areas, one partner request prayers for their plan to build a local church, as they face local opposition and challenges.

Ipoh – Ps Ebi and SQ were able to visit Ipoh last week. The small fellowship group of 5 ladies, 1 gentleman, and 1 child, was able to have a good time of Bible discovery on Friday night. Pray that what they are learning and hearing from God will be impacting the lives of all who participated.

Nepal – One partner give thanks that the monsoon rains have finally arrived at their locations and they have leased a total of 30 acres of land so that their senior boys and girls can start paddy cultivation (as a life skill training) as well as providing rice for their own consumption.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	19	
English Service 8:30am	149	\$1,126.00
English Service 10:30am	528	
English Service 4:30pm	248	
Chinese Service livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	84	\$1,169.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	77	\$382.00
ME Service	60	\$1,200.00
Hokkien Service	51	\$445.00
Tamil Service	10	\$265.00
DHF	27	
TOTAL	1261	\$4,587.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$83,506.48
Weekly Total	\$88,093.48

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/25: \$82,235

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$6,010.00
Weekly Total	\$6,010.00
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$197,082.06

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to first-time parents, Joshua and Lim Min, on the birth of their son, Goh Xian En Luke, on 12 July 2024!
2. Congratulations to Sean & Joy on the birth of their firstborn daughter, Jemma Teo, on 17 July 2024!
3. Congratulations to Marc Tang & Cheryl Lee, as they entered holy matrimony on 21 July 2024!
4. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at The Bible Church this weekend (Sat afternoon and Sun morning).
5. Ps Alby is preaching at the Hokkien service this morning.
6. Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BPC 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

Looking Ahead

Fri, 26 July

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 27 July

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 28 July

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

Missions Month

28 July – The Challenge of Missions

Mr Eugene Wee

Genesis Series

4 Aug – Overview: In the Beginning

Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Danny (4.30pm)

11 Aug – God Said ...

Mr Quek Tze-Ming

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon (4.30pm)

18 Aug – God's Image

Mr Quek Tze-Ming

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon (4.30pm)

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.

#Getreal about Mission

I think we all know, as Christians, we are meant to be on mission.

There is the command to GO into the world, the example of Christ and the apostles being sent, and more than that, the very nature of our God is that He is missional. It is the nature of His love.

But what if I don't want to go?

For some of us, we do want to go, but we don't know how or have never taken that first step. We lack experience or we need to get over that initial 'hump' of self-resistance. All it may take is for someone else to bring us along with them.

I remember the first time I was asked to do street evangelism in central London. It was a harrowing experience, and I almost threw up thinking about it. But as I joined the more experienced team, it wasn't as bad, and gave me a better idea of what evangelism was all about. Those few excursions with other brothers and sisters were the catalyst.

For others, we don't go, because no one reached out to us. After hearing more than 500 testimonies in the catechism class over the last decade, I have realised that we tend to replicate our own experience. If we had people who intentionally witnessed to us, were compassionate to our needs, intentionally disciplined us, it is far more likely we would do the same.

However, if we perceive that coming to church was on our own initiative, or we just grew up in church due to our upbringing, we are far more likely to expect the same of others. Worse still, if our experience of hearing the gospel was negative (from a pushy colleague or exasperating parents) we may even loathe the idea of telling another person about Jesus!

What may be needed is for someone to reach out to us again, even if we've been in church for decades, to reset our experience of mission – perhaps reset our perception of God even!

For others, we don't go, because of fear. Now I don't just mean the fear of having to share the gospel with someone, I'm talking about more primal or deep-set anxieties and fears – the fear of loss, even the fear of death. “What will happen to my life if I go?”

If these fears are not addressed, any experience of going may have the opposite effect. It may reinforce those anxieties and we will double-down on never wanting to try again. Any call or push to go on mission will find us moving lower down in the pews, or perhaps even looking for another church. At the most we will do something to get others off our back or to relieve the increasing guilt. But we really, really don't want to go!

I'm hoping that even as we to be a church where everyone is clear that they are on mission, and where everyone becomes missional everywhere, that we are open enough to listen to those who are resistant, struggling or find themselves being unmotivated to go. That we are a church willing to work with the heart rather than just the form. That we can talk to God and one another about anything that we are truly feeling or thinking!

Isn't that what #getreal is all about?

Announcements

Catechism Class Table Hosts Wanted!

Starting 31 Aug (Sat) 1.30 - 3.00 pm

We are looking for table hosts to journey with the next batch of catechumens, who want to be a part of the church family here at Zion Bishan!

If this sounds like something you'll like to do, and if you are able to make time to bless others on Saturdays from 1.30pm to 3pm, let's chat!

Contact **Dns Debbo Lee** at **9062 5348** or **debbole@gmail.com**

ISV Vision Trip Sharing

28 July (Sun) 2pm

ZB Chapel at Level 4

Listen to our Father's heart for the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region that is hard-pressed on every side. Hear stories from the vision trippers who have returned with opened eyes, softened hearts and mouths eager to speak of His wondrous works through His faithful servants.

Sign up is required at tinyurl.com/LEVisionTrip2024Sharing

Workshop on Bi-Vocational Ministry in Missions

27 July (Sat) 7-9pm

Doulos Hope, VivoCity

This interactive workshop will weave case studies and discussions to ignite your passion for serving God cross-culturally.

Sign up at <https://forms.office.com/r/BS2jKYdKi> or contact **grace.lee-kok@mercyteams.net** for more info.

SOLEmates! at Rifle Range Nature Park

Gathering women for exercise & fellowship

3 Aug (Sat) 8 – 11 am

Meet at 8:00am, Beauty World MRT, Exit A

See you soon!

Contact **Lydia** at **8338 3982**

Organised by W.O.Z.

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!

28 July (Sun) 12.30 - 2.30pm

Meet others who are also exploring this path and hear more from those who are currently on this journey!

Sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZionBishanLIFT>

Men's Ministry

Jesus did not come to be served but to serve. Join us in this MM event and learn how this is part of our identity in Christ as we become men of God.

Servant Leader

Ps Henson Lim, Archippus Awakening

27 July (Sat) 8am – 9.30am

Chapel, Level 4

Breakfast at 7.30am

Sign up at

<https://tinyurl.com/MMEG2024July>