



IN THE BEGINNING, GOD...

GENESIS 1:1

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ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Praise to the Lord; This is My Father's world; Across the Lands

PM: This is My Father's World; Creator God

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31; 2:1-4 (ESV)

Message: In the beginning, God...

Response Hymn: Hymn of the Saviour

Holy Communion: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

Speakers: Ps Alby Yip

(8.30am & 10.30am),

Mr Danny Chua (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Timothy Ong

Worship Leader: Dn Junaidi Nyoto

Vocalist & Musicians: Music PM Team 1

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

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
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Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
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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

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Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31; 2:1-4

Ps Alby Yip (8.30am & 10.30am)

Introduction: Genesis Overview

Creation: Chaos to Order

Humanity: Purpose and Responsibility

Sin: Destruction and Restoration

Conclusion

Discussion Questions:

1. What was one thing that struck you from the passage or sermon?
2. What does Genesis 1:1 “in the beginning, God...” tell us about God and creation?
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How the very beginning shapes our...

1. Origins and Outlook (Creation)

- The Good God who overflows with goodness (Gen. 1-2)

2. View of our Human Hearts (Sin)

- The heart of sin (Gen. 3)
- Sin's power in the heart: Cain (4:7); Mankind (Gen. 6)
- The united power of sinful hearts: Babel (Gen. 11)

3. Search for a Saviour (Hope)

- The Serpent-Crusher (3:15) and a Son (Gen 4.)
- The one who escapes death (5:24) and one who brings rest (5:29)

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Prayer Points

Our Church

Singapore Celebrates Our 59th

National Day – Let's give thanks to God for His grace and blessings upon Singapore. Thank God for good and faithful leaders. Thank God for the peace and prosperity that we enjoy. Thank God for the freedom to express and proclaim our faith without fear or threat. But we know all these are not to be taken for granted that they will continue. Let's pray earnestly for God to keep the hearts of our leaders, whether believers or not. Pray that we will sacrificially invest the prosperity that we enjoy in God's Kingdom work. Pray that we will boldly proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

Genesis Series – As we begin our new sermon series, pray for our hearts and minds as one church to hear from our Creator God in Genesis. Pray for our preachers too as they prayerfully prepare each week, that our Lord may minister to them to minister to our congregations.

'Looking into Full Time (LIFT)'

Session – Thank God for the handful of participants who joined us last week at our annual LIFT session, where we discussed the role of every saint in ministry from Ephesians, and the possibility of exploring full-time

paid gospel ministry. Pray that the Lord will continue to guide and lead each participant in their current journeys and ongoing ministry work.

430 Congregation Leaders' Retreat –

Pray for the Pastors, Elders, BOD, Staff, Apprentices, AG Leaders and Potential Leaders as they gather from the 7th to 9th August to be refreshed and re-convicted with talks from Mark's Gospel, and to spend time in prayer for one another and the wider Zion Bishan family.

Our World

Mongolia trip – Thank God for Ps Paul and Ps Lim, along with 5 others from our church and 1 other from another church, who are currently in Mongolia for a time of fellowship and spiritual refreshment with a community of Mongolian brothers and sisters. According to Joshua Project, out of a total population of 3.4m, 98.1% of Mongolians are unreached and Buddhism (41.6%) is its largest religion. May this time be a mutually blessed time of connection and encouragement in the Lord.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	14	
English Service 8:30am	186	\$825.00
English Service 10:30am	505	
English Service 4:30pm	225	
Chinese Service livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	88	\$1,053.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	76	\$549.00
ME Service	66	\$1,290.00
Hokkien Service	65	\$591.80
Tamil Service	13	\$1,764.00
DHF	26	
TOTAL	1272	\$6,072.80

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$59,834.01
Use of Premises	\$240.00
Weekly Total	\$66,146.81

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$5,665.02
Weekly Total	\$5,665.02
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$208,808.88

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Mark & Laura on the birth of their firstborn child, Agnes Lai, on 30th July 2024
2. Congratulations to Tan Tiag Yi & Wu Chin Ying, upon entering holy matrimony on 3 Aug 2024!

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**

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Please provide your **CONTACT NUMBER** on each cheque

Looking Ahead

Fri, 9 Aug

8.00pm: No Prayer Meeting

Sat, 10 Aug

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 11 Aug

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

Genesis Series

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)*

25 Aug – God's Rest

*Ps Zhiwen
(8.30am & 10.30am)
Ps Dev (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.

In The Beginning, God...

Those are the opening words of Genesis, the Bible, and Creation. Yes, we at Zion Bishan will be studying Genesis 1:1-12:3 from 4 August to 24 November. So, why are we studying Genesis in this season of Zion Bishan's life, worship and service?

First, we believe it is a healthy practice to alternate between the Old and New Testament from the pulpit. Why? Because we trust that *"all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that [we] the servants of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

Plus, the last time we had a detailed look at the book of Genesis was at least 10 years ago and we focused then on Abraham's life (Gen. 12-25) and Joseph's life (Gen. 30-50). So, as we now turn to the earlier section of Genesis 1:1-12:3, and as we continue to read, teach and preach from whole books of the Bible from both Testaments, we are confident that the Spirit works through the "whole counsel of God" to mature us in Christ.

Secondly, we have just completed our study of the book of Revelation in the first half of 2024. We learnt in Revelation that the old creation order must go and the New Heaven and New Earth must and will come as we await King Jesus' return. But why? What was good about the world God made in the beginning? What went wrong? What remains wrong today? The study of Genesis, bringing us back to the beginning, will help us better appreciate why this is so.

Lastly, Zion Bishan has just on 2 April 2024 renewed a fresh 30-year lease on this year of our 30th Anniversary. It is a good time for us to remember and review why God led us here. More importantly, how can we be faithful to God's plan and purpose? What did He intend for His very first image-bearers? How has our responsibility changed in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ now?

We believe that the study of Genesis will give us a full picture of God's plan for creation, especially humans, His image-bearers. It will also remind us about the brokenness of this world and encourage us to *"Set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."* (Col 3:10) Foremost, it will enable us to live life truly as God's people fulfilling God's plan and purpose.

Announcements

Catechism Class Registration

For those looking to get baptised, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church membership.

The next round of catechism class will be starting on **31 Aug 2024 (Sat) 1.30 - 3pm at Chapel.**

Get the form from **Lydia** (lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) or **Dns Debbo Lee (9062 5348)** to sign up or find out more.

Men's Ministry

All Brothers, please register and join us in our next Men's Ministry activity:

Fruits Fiesta by Men's Ministry

All men are invited

**Saturday 17th Aug 2024
4 pm – 6 pm**

Zion Bishan Fellowship Hall Level 1
\$15 per head, payment onsite
(cash/PayNow)

Registration required by 11th Aug:
<https://tinyurl.com/MMFruit2024>

ZB 30th Anniversary Community Day

16 Nov 2024 (Sat) 4pm

Celebrate 30 years of God's faithfulness to us as a church family!

Save the date and join in by serving at the family carnival!

There are a wide variety of ways to volunteer or contribute.

Find more info or sign up to participate individually, as a team or with your AG at bit.ly/ZB30commdayvol

#GetReal Missions Conversations \

**The Challenge of Missions
11 Aug (Sun), 1.30pm at Chapel, Lvl 4**

Reaching a people group when the Bible is not available in their heart language?

A few representatives from Wycliffe who have been in the work of bible translation will be sharing.

Come and join the conversation!
Sign up by at bit.ly/ZBgetrealmissions by 9 Aug.

A&A Project Dialogue

**Date: Sunday 25 August 2024
Time: 1- 2.30pm
Venue: Chapel**

Come and understand the plans behind the A&A Project and give your feedback and suggestions.