



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: O Worship the King; Indescribable; Behold Our God

PM: Behold Our God; This is My Father's World; You Are God Alone

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-25 (ESV)

Message: In the beginning, God Created...

Response Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

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: Dr Quek Tze-Ming
(8.30am & 10.30am),
Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Lim Nan
Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low
Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 2

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia
Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng
Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 2

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee
Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu
Vocalist & Musicians: Music PM Team 2

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @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 Thy, <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>
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry 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

In the beginning, God Created...

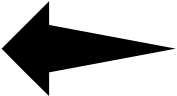
Genesis 1:1-25

Intro:

1) In the Beginning, God Created... (1:1-2)

The Start State: Without Form & Void, Darkness over the face of the Deep

2) The Order of Creation (1:3-25)

The Structure		The Filling of the Structure
Day 1: Day & Night (v3-5)		Day 4: Lights to separate the Day & Night (v14-19)
Day 2: Waters & Expanse (Heaven) (v6-8)		Day 5: Living Creatures to fill the Waters & Birds to fill the Heavens (v20-23)
Day 3: Waters under Heaven gathered to form Dry Land (Earth) with vegetation (v9-13)		Day 6a: Living Creatives to fill the Earth (v24-25)

3) God's Intro to God's People:

- a. The God who is the Powerful Creator: The Only Uncreated One
- b. The God who Creates and is committed to multiplying and filling that Creation
- c. The God who Creates through Speaking (through His Word)

Conclusion:

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Everyone has a worldview that answers questions such as: Where do I (or Mankind) come from? What is my purpose in life? Is there a God? What are my responsibilities to Him? How should humanity live? How does today's passage begin to answer some of these questions?
2. How has the Creation account so far helped you to know God better?
3. What difference does it make to know that God is committed to not only creating, but multiplying and filling His Creation?
4. Why does God want His People to be clear from the very beginning that the way He creates is through Him speaking? Why does this matter to us as the Church today?
5. After reading our scripture text, read John 1:1–5. What strikes you when you read these two texts together?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Missions Conversations – This Sunday afternoon, at 1.30pm, we shall have a follow up #getreal missions conversation on the challenge of language in gospel sharing. Pray that the two Bible translators sharing at this event will speak with clarity and passion and that this event will help stir interest and action for work of Bible Translation in gospel work. May all that we have heard in missions month, bear fruit in hearts ready to participate and support the work of reaching all nations and peoples with the gospel.

Mongolia trip – Thank God for the safe return of the 8-member team last Tuesday. We praise God for a good time for the couples who participated in a time of marriage enrichment and spiritual refreshment while their children were ministered to in the children programme. We thank God for a good growing friendship with this community of brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for wisdom for us as we pray about next steps in our collaboration together.

Our World

Bangladesh – This past week, Bangladesh's PM resigned and left the country while the Parliament was dissolved one day later following weeks of unrest. Joshua Project reports that 95% (or 165m) of its population of 174m people are unreached with only 1.67% Christians in the country. Pray for the country to have peace. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough amongst the unreached Bengali people and for its Christians to remain firm in their faith and be a beacon of Christ light and peace in the midst of the current turmoil.

Myanmar – (CNA, 6 Aug) reported that the country's military had withdrawn from some positions in Shan State (eastern Myanmar) after losing its Northeast military command in Lashio. As the country continues to suffer internal civil strife after its military coup in Feb 2021, let us persevere to pray for peace to come to this nation. If you know anyone from Myanmar, consider praying for that person and reaching out to them to help pray for them and their country. May the light and peace of Christ shine through our love for them.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	22	
English Service 8:30am	166	\$1,238.90
English Service 10:30am	516	
English Service 4:30pm	248	
Chinese Service livestream*	10	
Chinese Service 8:30am	94	\$1,564.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	72	\$1,101.00
ME Service	82	\$1,359.00
Hokkien Service	64	\$605.00
Tamil Service	28	\$1,068.00
DHF	24	
TOTAL	1326	\$6,935.90

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$80,601.01
Weekly Total	\$87,536.91

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,415.00
Weekly Total	\$4,415.00
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$213,223.88

Church Family News

1. Deepest Condolences to the family of Mrs Irene Seah who was called Home to be with the Lord on 4 August 2024. She was the mother of Edwin Seah, mother-in-law of Lim Swee Pen, grandmother of Titus, Amos and Linus. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
2. Pastor Zhiwen is preaching at Bethesda Katong Church on Sunday morning.
3. Congratulations to Jon Lai & Christina Lim upon entering holy matrimony on 10 August 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**

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

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

Looking Ahead

Fri, 16 Aug

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 17 Aug

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 18 Aug

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

Genesis Series

18 Aug – God's Image

Dr 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)

1 Sep – God's Gardeners

Ps Zhiwen

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev (4.30pm)

8 Sep – Humanity Falls

Ps Alby

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Danny Chua (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.

A Three-Fold Cord

GetDeep, GetReal, GetSent. These have been our 3 Next Lap strategic thrusts for our church, to help each one of us mature in Christ. You may have noticed how our 3 Next Lap vision thrusts work at a relational level. It's so important to think of our "maturity journey" as something that we do *with one another*.

Most of you would be familiar with this. But right now, I am thinking of another three-fold cord, something to frame our personal journey towards maturity in Christ.

The first cord is **the intellect**. I am referring to the enriching of **our minds** as we study the Word of God. (As Bible-Presbyterians, we should be adept at this). We let God's word shape the way we think about God, about the world and our place in it. For myself, I've been learning so much through my preparations for each sermon series, whether for preaching or for teaching people in a class.
Key words: study, analyse, think about, reflect

We do not stop at forming a Christian mind. We want our faith to be worked out in **our actions**. This is the realm of **our hands and feet**. We are called to be like Jesus, and this must involve the transformation of our lives – in the way we love our neighbour (that includes our families), the way we serve in the ministries of the church, and the way we represent Christ wherever we are in the world. Besides my family, two major realms of action for me are my pastoral ministry in Zion Bishan and in Antioch²¹. *Key words: obey, love, serve, mission.*

I confess that I've often been brought up to focus on these two cords. They are readily translated into activities that I can plan for and schedule on my calendar.

But what I find myself needing even more and more is a third cord. And it has got to do with **our heart and soul**. It goes beyond our intellect, and concerns our affections, our love, our will, and our conscience. You may say that it covers our inner being.

Our Lord called us to love Him not just with our mind and our strength, but also with our heart and soul (Mark 12:30). The things that we do should flow from an inner life that is fully devoted to God.

Our minds need to take journeys into exploring the depths of Scripture. Our hands and feet must be immersed in the world out there (where our neighbours are).

But to nurture our hearts takes a journey *inwards*, to meet with the Lord in “the secret place”, and allow Him to do His beautiful purifying work there.

Exactly how is this to be done? We’ll talk more about this at another time, but I hope you’ll agree that this is something we can’t afford to neglect, if we are to be mature in Christ.

Key words: inner life or inner being, devotion, contemplation

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Psalm 139:23-24

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 by 18 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.

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 16th to 21st Dec, Mon to Sat. Look out for registration details soon!

Serve in the PA ministry

Seeking dedicated volunteers. Whether you're experienced or simply eager to learn, your contribution will be greatly valued.

Training will be provided alongside a supportive team.

8.30 am - Mixers: 3

4.30 pm - Projection: 2

Contact **Dn Nicklaus** at **9654 5649**

Legacy In Ink:

The Enduring Impact of Memoir Writing

Facilitator: Ms Rosie Wee

(Author of The Heart Remembers)

Join us for 2 Saturday sessions on 14 & 28 Sep
9-12.30pm @ Rm3-04/3-05

Preserving Family History

Document the anecdotes and experiences for future generations to cherish.

Reflect on Life's Journey

Capture memories that define your unique life story.

Impact for Future Generations

Share wisdom and life lessons through your personal narrative.

Limited vacancies.

Please sign up with **Lydia @ 8338 3982** **by 1 Sep**; \$10 for tea and notes.

A **WOZ** Initiative