



IN THE BEGINNING, GOD...

GENESIS 1:1

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Christ Be All Around Me; You Are God Alone; God of Wonder

PM: Creation Sings the Father's Song; I Stand in Awe; Creator God

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

Message: Created in His Image

Response Hymn

AM: Creation Sings the Father's Song

PM: Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of Creation

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 Tay Beng Hwee
Worship Leader: Dn Lim Nan
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: Eld Reginald Tan
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 Thy, <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
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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>	

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

Created in His Image

Genesis 1:1-2, 1:26-2:1

Introduction

House

- Creation as Cosmic Temple

Royal Family

- Image as Kingship
“Let us make man in our image ... let them have dominion over ... the earth”
(1:26)
- Image as Kinship
“after our likeness” (1:26)
- Image as Community
“God created man in his own image ... male and female he created them”
(1:28)

Conclusion

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Think about or describe the most beautiful place you have ever seen. What role (if any) did humans play in making that place beautiful (or not)?
2. What does it mean for humanity to be made in the image and likeness of God (1:26)? How does the poem that follows add to this understanding of the image of God (1:27)?
3. Why should Christians care about God’s creation? What similarities and differences do you see between Christian stewardship of creation, and secular environmental activism or conservation movements?
4. In the light of what you have learned, how can you reflect God’s image in practical ways during the next seven days in: a) your family; b) your church or small group; c) your work or study; d) your interaction with creation?

Created in His Image

Genesis 1:1-2, 1:26-2:1

Recap: God's Intro to God's People:

- i. The God who is the Powerful Creator: The Only and Holy Uncreated One
- ii. The Creator God who is committed to multiplying and filling His Created Order
- iii. The Creator God who Creates through Speaking (through His Word)

The Structure:

A: [1:26-27] Then God said, “Let *Us* make man in *Our* image [and] let *them* have dominion...so God created Man in His own image...”

B: [1:28] And God blessed them. And God said to them,
“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the Earth, subdue it and have dominion...”

C: [1:29-30] And God said, “Behold I have given...And it was so.”

The Declaration: [1:31]

And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

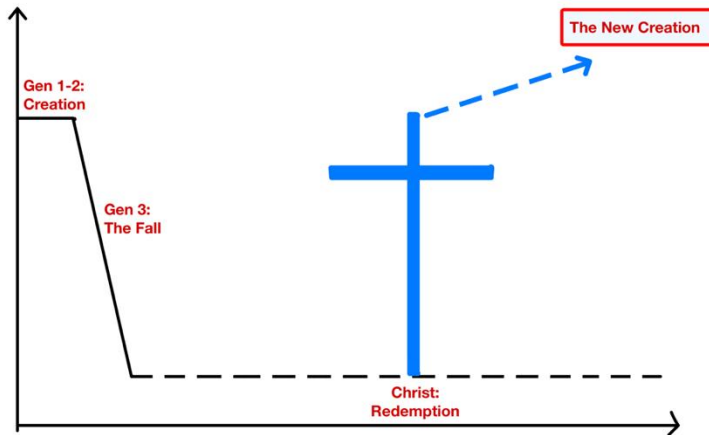
3 Observations:

1. We are created in His Image: Why God's intro matters to God's People (Moses' generation & every generation since)

2. The original Creation Mandate: Blessed -> Be Fruitful and Multiply and Fill the Earth; Subdue it and have dominion...

3. Why the plurals matter: Let *Us* make man in *Our* image [and] let *them* (*male & female*) have dominion... (1:26-27)

Conclusion: God's very good Creation and His Image-Bearing People Today...



- Colossians 1:9-23: **Jesus**: THE Image of the invisible God (v15)
- Ephesians 1:3-10: **Jesus & Us**: God's Plan from before the foundation of the Earth (v4)
- Ephesians 3:14-21: **Jesus & Us**: How God is glorified throughout all generations! (v20-21)

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Come up with a definition of what it meant in Genesis 1 to be an image-bearer of God. What would it have looked like for Adam and Eve to obey God's original Creation Mandate to be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth, to subdue it and have dominion over it?
2. How does being made in God's Image and the original Creation Mandate shape our lives as believers today? What does this exactly look like in our lives post-fall and in light of Christ? How is it different compared to the original Creation Mandate?
3. Why do the plurals in today's passage matter to us as the corporate Body of Christ today? How does being made male and female make a difference to how we are God's Image-bearers and our purpose today as the Church?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Bishan Home – We thank God that the residents are able to worship in person with us again after the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. May they experience the joy of worshipping with His people and may we as a community welcome them and treat them with utmost care, acknowledging their vulnerability and thus the need to minimise physical contact. Pray for God’s provision in staffing and resources needed to care for the residents. Give thanks for the staff, caregivers, and all who minister to the residents, pray for a deep spiritual awakening and a growing faith in God’s provision and care for all their needs.

3 Trips:

Malaysia - Pray for Ps Paul and two other church members as they travel up to Malaysia this weekend (18-19 Aug) to preach at the MCEL (Malaysia Chinese Evangelical League) churches. Pray for safe travel on the roads and good times of spiritual encouragement to fellow Christians in these Malaysian towns.

India - Pray for Ps Ebi, SQ and 2 others as they leave this Sunday to visit 4 groups here over 10 days. Pray for safe travel, by air, road and rail, good health and good times of fellowship and encouragement.

Indonesia - From 19-25 Aug, pray for a group of 7, mostly from our church as they travel to Indonesia. This is a trip to enjoy God’s creation, to help with

income generation and conservation trip. Pray for safe travel, favour in making connections and good times with like-minded people.

Our People

Our Seniors - Praise God for the 50 first timers who attended recent events organised by the Seniors360 ministry. Pray that there will be effective follow up in their discipleship journey, and for more befrienders of all ages to avail themselves to serve. Thank God also for the partnership with SLEC, where 15 ukulele members have started their monthly befriending outreach at the organisation’s Day Care Centre. Pray for their hearts and what they learned - not only to be on the receiving end, but they can also care for and be a blessing to other seniors too.

Our World

Lebanon – In a recent newsletter, our partner here reports that the situation in Lebanon is worsening and they are on the brink of war especially since the attack in Southern Beirut on 30 July. Many are told to seek refuge and start stockpiling non-perishable food in case of an all-out war. Pray for our partner here who is persevering with summer children and youth programmes despite all these challenges. Pray for the situation to de-escalate so that all-out war can be avoided.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	20	
English Service 8:30am	187	\$2,600.80
English Service 10:30am	545	
English Service 4:30pm	253	
Chinese Service livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	83	\$1,171.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	80	\$413.00
ME Service	58	\$1,076.00
Hokkien Service	65	\$551.00
Tamil Service	16	\$302.00
DHF	28	
TOTAL	1343	\$6,113.80

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Typo error last Sunday Tamil Service attendance should be 18.

Electronic Transfer	\$72,453.82
Weekly Total	\$78,567.62

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,654.00
Weekly Total	\$4,654.00
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$217,877.88

Church Family News

1. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Bethesda Cathedral this morning.
2. Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning.
3. Ps Alby is preaching at the Hokkien Service 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**

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Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque

Looking Ahead

Fri, 23 Aug

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 24 Aug

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 25 Aug

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

1pm: A&A Dialogue (Chapel)

Genesis Series

25 Aug – God's Rest

Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev (4.30pm)

1 Sep – God's Gardeners

Ps Dev (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Zhiwen (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.

Marking Another Milestone

Over the last 2 months, I celebrated two big milestones: 15 years on staff at Zion Bishan, and the 12th anniversary of my ordination as a Minister of the Gospel. This prompted much reflection...

For those who didn't know, my first career was in research. I trained as a scientist and spent 4 years working in a hospital laboratory in central London, developing viral vectors for gene therapy.

During that time, God was doing His work. He brought me back to church, showed me who Jesus is - ever so personally, and made me excited about the gospel and His kingdom.

As I turned my eyes upon Jesus, indeed the things of the world – including my scientific pursuits and career ambitions – grew strangely dim. All I wanted was to get to know Jesus better.

That began the unexpected path into full-time ministry. Through a series of miraculous events, I ended up as an apprentice at All Souls London, and trained under incredible pastors for 2 years.

Unfortunately, the UK then changed its visa policy. We were forced to leave. It was crushing. However, God timed it perfectly. At that time Zion Bishan was on a path of renewal and searching for new staff. Things came full circle & God brought me home. It was an exciting time. I anchored the 'outreach' portfolio. We started up Christianity Explored, Goody Bag door-to-door visits, and even a chess ministry! Yet what bore most fruit, was meeting up with small groups of guys, 1 on 3. We met every week, read the Bible, studied theology and shared life – it was so encouraging to see them grow, as did I. They are still so dear to me.

Despite not knowing what to do most of the time and feeling significantly inadequate the rest - God did the work, not me. God brought in the people, the resources, even the money – and He built up His church... but more than that, He built up me.

Indeed what a privilege it is to serve the Lord in this capacity, so much He will show you, so much of Jesus you will see! I have much more to say, but now no time & space for long story... so till next time & to God be the glory!



Psalm 90:17

*Let the favor of the Lord
our God be upon us, and
establish the work of our
hands upon us; yes,
establish the work of our
hands!*

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 **TODAY.**

A&A Project Dialogue

Date: Sunday, 25 Aug 2024

Time: 1- 2.30pm

Venue: Chapel

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

SENIORS360

Dim Sum Hour & Outreach

Make Your Own Lantern

7 Sep (Sat) 10.15am

In-person at Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Mdm Elsie Neo and friends, for a hands-on session on lantern making. Bring back the lantern that you made!

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by **30 Aug:**

<https://tinyurl.com/DSTsep24>

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*

X3A

Struggling with sexual temptation?

X3A is a men's group for support and encouragement.

Contact **Benlee (9088 4264)** or **Wei Ming (9328 3067)** for more information.