



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: All Things Bright and Beautiful; I am not My Own; All Praise to Him

PM: All Praise to Him; The Potter's Hand; I am not My Own

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:4-25 (ESV)

Message: God's Gardeners

Response Hymn: I am not My Own

Holy Communion: My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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 Dev Menon (8.30am & 10.30am)
Ps Ng Zhiwen (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Worship Leader: Dn Lim Nan

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 Peter Wang

Vocalist & Musicians: Music PM Team 1

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
Dr 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>	

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God's Gardeners

Ps Dev Menon / Ps Ng Zhiwen

Genesis 2:4-25

"These are the generations" and the LORD God

The Man

The Garden & Man's Role

A Helper Fit for Man

Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

1. What did you learn about being human? What is our role as God intended?
2. What did you learn about God?
3. As you reflect on this passage, what are you called to trust and obey God about?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Our Teachers – As we celebrate Teachers' Day, we thank God not only for the school teachers who pour their lives out for our children at school, but also for the teachers of various capacities in our church family. Praise God for the dedication of our CD teachers and YD leaders across the various congregations, who meet our younger ones week in and week out, teaching them God's Word and helping them grow their faith in Jesus. Pray for our CD teachers and YD leaders, for patience and persistence as they journey with the children and youths, together with the parents; for our teachers to love Jesus more and more, such that our children and youths too will love Jesus.

Catechism Class – The new round began yesterday. Please pray for the 10 table hosts as they spend the next 3 months journeying alongside close to 40 catechumens, helping them to know Jesus better and to integrate into the Zion Bishan family.

Our World

Middle East – With the recent rise in tensions, Gaza's civilians, as well as those in the border regions between Israel's north and Lebanon's south have suffered greatly. Pray for God's love, peace, and mercy to liberate this region from the incessant turmoil, oppression, and fear. Pray for local Christians to remain steadfast in faith as they witness for Christ in these challenging times.

Myanmar – This week at Friday prayer meeting, we heard some updates from Myanmar from Rev J. Pray for peace and justice to reign in this impoverished land whose ethnically diverse peoples have suffered greatly since the coup on 1 Feb 2021. Pray also for the refugee crisis amongst the Rohingya people, some of whom have fled to neighbouring countries. May the love of Christ be shown effectively to those in need.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	20	
English Service 8:30am	199	\$910.00
English Service 10:30am	517	
English Service 4:30pm	251	
Chinese Service livestream*	10	
Chinese Service 8:30am	82	\$902.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	79	\$632.00
ME Service	68	\$1,200.00
Hokkien Service	57	\$595.00
Tamil Service	15	\$855.00
DHF	23	
TOTAL	1321	\$5,094.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer	\$51,475.41
Weekly Total	\$56,569.41

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$6,321.00
Weekly Total	\$6,321.00
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$229,358.88

Church Family News

Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Aldersgate Methodist Church 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

Session Meeting (20 Aug 24) Highlights

1. Session approved in principle for our Senior360 Ministry to explore further collaborations with St Luke's Eldercare (SLEC) with the aim of making Zion Bishan a senior-centric space during the weekdays.
2. We thank God that Zion Bishan is in sound financial health and that our investments are making good returns.
3. Zion Bishan will embark on a review of the monetary support for our mission workers.
4. Session approved the contribution of \$25,000 to SLEC's Community Transformation Fund as the partnership will also afford us precious Gospel opportunities.
5. Session approved the calling of Rev Christopher Rajendran from STECI, India, to be the potential new pastor for our Tamil Congregation. Do pray for the approval from the authorities.

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.

Good News, Bad News

I've counted! Among the 24 news items reported in "Breaking News & Analysis" on the CNA news website on Tuesday at 8 pm, one was "good news", two were neutral, and the rest were bad news. I'll leave you to do your own count off whichever media platform you read on. But I am quite sure that they will not be far off.

Why is it that there seems to be so much more bad news than good news reported? Even in our daily conversations, how many of them are compliments (good news) and how many are complaints (bad news). Why this obsession with or even resignation to bad news? What is happening in this world that we are living in?

The Genesis series, especially in Genesis 3 will inform us why. That will be next week. For now, let us be reminded of the "good" that God has created for humankind. Genesis 1 recorded that God saw that "it was good" (1:10) after He created the structures and firmaments of the earth. After God created the vegetation, fruits and trees, again He saw that "it was good" (1:12).

Upon completion of the day, night and seasons, again God saw that "it was good" (1:18). Having created the creatures of the sea and the air, God saw that "it was good" too (1:21). The livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth were next to be created. After which, God again saw that "it was good" (1:25)

After humankind, the crowning glory of God's creation was born, God looked at His completed work and saw that "it was very good" (1:31). Remember, everything was very good. God rested on the seventh day, made it holy and commanded that man kept the same (2:1-3). It was not so much about physical rest as it was a reminder to rest and trust in God's goodness.

The rest of Genesis 2 is a recapitulation of God's creation, design, and provision, and they were good (2:9, 12). But Genesis 2 also contained an ominous foreboding. Twice we are reminded that amongst others, particularly the tree of life, there is also the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

We are all familiar with the account of Adam and Eve eating the "forbidden fruit" of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the resultant Fall of Adam and Eve and the rest of humanity. Perhaps in preparation for next week when we cover that pivotal moment in creation, you can think about:

1. Why did the eating of the "forbidden fruit" cause humanity to Fall?
2. Why did humans want the knowledge of evil when everything else was very good?
3. What is SIN?

Announcements

Mid-Autumn Gospel Outreach

Organised by ZB Chinese Services

14 Sep 24 (Sat) 4 – 6 pm

Main Sanctuary

It will be an evening of gospel songs and Guzheng presentations, with a gospel message focusing on the theme of True Reunion.

There will be dinner after the event.

Please invite your Mandarin speaking non-believers to attend!

Call church office or sign up via the link below by **8 Sep**:

<https://shorturl.at/93Tkm>

Antioch Summit

3 - 5 Oct

St. John's - St. Margaret's Church.

We encourage all who are exploring missions to attend, to catch God's heart for the nations, and to discern God's call on your life. We already have 9 persons signed up, and hope to see more.

Details are available at the conference website:

<https://antioch21.sg/antioch-summit-24>

Please contact **Sharon Quek** for group registration.